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Description

The invention relates to renin-inhibiting peptide analogues.

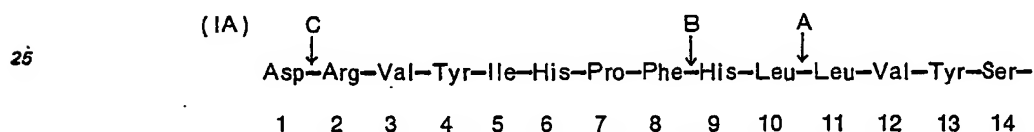
5 Background

Renin is a natural enzyme, disorders in relation to which are implicated in many cases of hypertension. It is released into the blood from the kidney, and cleaves from a blood glycoprotein a decapeptide known as angiotensin-I. Circulating angiotensin-I is cleaved in lung, kidney and other tissues to an octapeptide, angiotensin-II, which raises blood pressure both directly by causing arteriolar constriction and indirectly by stimulating release of the sodium-retaining hormone aldosterone from the adrenal gland and thus causing a rise in extracellular fluid volume. The latter effect is caused by angiotensin-II itself or a heptapeptide cleavage product angiotensin-III.

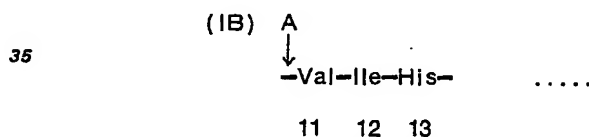
10 Inhibitors of renin have therefore been sought, with two ends in view, first the provision of a diagnostic agent for identification of cases of hypertension due to renin excess, and secondly the provision of an agent for control of hypertension in such cases.

The present inventors' approach has been to consider the peptide sequence characterising the natural renin substrate at its binding site, and to seek peptide analogues sufficiently similar to bind to the enzyme, in competition with the natural substrate, but sufficiently dissimilar to it to be cleaved slowly or not at all. Such analogues will block the action of the enzyme and attack the hypertension at source.

20 Renin is specific to a particular bond in the substrate, the N-terminal sequence of which in the horse is for example:



30 as found by L. T. Skeggs et al J. Exper. Med. 106 439 (1957). Human renin substrate has a different sequence recently discovered by D. A. Tewkesbury et al Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm. 99 1311 (1981)



40 the sequence to the left of the arrow A being as in formula (IA).

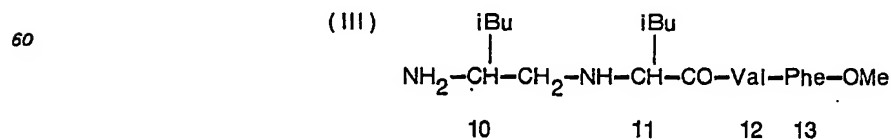
Cleavage at A gives angiotensin-I; subsequent cleavage at the Phe-His bond at B gives angiotensin-II; and cleavage subsequently again at the Asp-Arg bond at C gives angiotensin-III.

Peptides similar to certain partial sequences of the substrate have been shown to act as inhibitors of renin in vitro. An example is the tetrapeptide ester (the relation to the substrate residues being indicated by numbering):



50 proposed by Kokubu, Nature, 217 456 (1968) but it is inactive in vivo, because of binding to plasma proteins and rapid attack by natural peptidases.

One of the present inventors undertook some years ago a development of Kokubu's work, seeking a renin inhibitor active in vivo, in which analogues of peptides similar to Kokubu's were made by having a methylene imino group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-$ in place of the peptide link $-\text{CO}-\text{NH}-$ between the leucine residues. One of these analogues was:



which is the tetrapeptide (I) modified at the Leu-Leu link, leucine of course being



This analogue (III) was the first effective in-vivo inhibitor of renin and was shown to have significant anti-hypertensive action in Goldblatt hypertensive rats (Parry, Russell and Szelke p. 541 in "Chemistry and Biology of Peptides" Ed. Meienhofer, Ann Arbor Science Publishers 1972). Little or no attention has however been paid to the work, which the authors themselves were unable to pursue, in spite of considerable activity in the general field of substrate-based inhibitors for renin, reviewed for example by Haber & Burton, Federation Proc. 38 No. 13 2768-2773 (1979).

The Invention

The present invention is a development of the above work. Behind it is a concept of modifying peptide structures related to the peptide sequence at the site of action of renin on the natural substrate, by isosteric substitution at, at least, the site of cleavage. Optionally further there is isosteric substitution or other modification at other positions to increase stability or to modify the properties of the final peptide, for example its solubility under physiological conditions or its resistance to in vivo exopeptidase attack. Such modification may for example be by incorporation of residues other than those of the natural L-amino acids; by protection of the N-terminus with acetyl, pivaloyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), benzoyl or other groups; or by conversion of the C-terminal carboxyl to another functional group, e.g. the corresponding alcohol, present as such or in ether or ester form.

General reference to amino acids and amino acyl residues and side chains in both the description and claims herein is to be taken as reference to such whether naturally occurring in proteins or not and to both D- and L- forms, and amino is to be taken as including imino except where an aromatic acid, residue or side chain is specified.

The compounds of the present invention, showing desirable renin inhibitory action, are of the general formula:

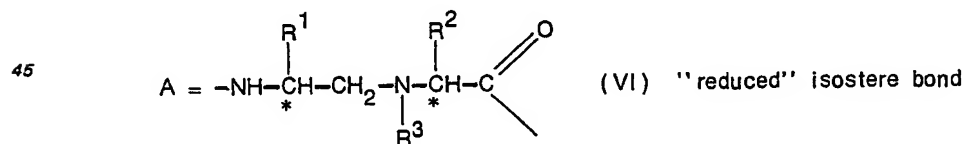


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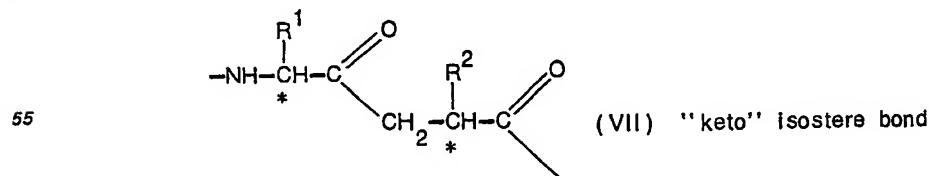
where Pro, Phe and His may be in substituted form;

X = H; or an acyl or other N-protecting group e.g. acetyl, pivaloyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), benzoyl or lower alkyl (primarily C₁-C₅); or an L- or D-amino- acyl residue, which may itself be N-protected similarly;

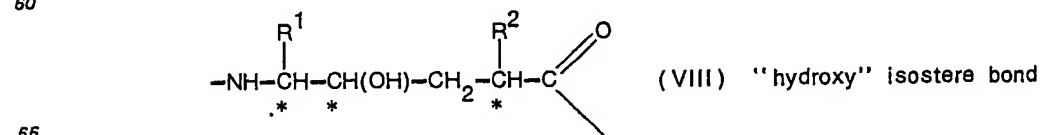
Y = D- or L-His or other D- or L- basic or aromatic amino-acyl residue, or is absent;

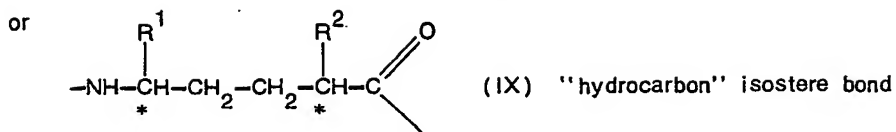


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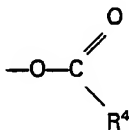


or





where the configuration at asymmetric centres * is either R or S, where in VIII the hydroxy group may be present as such or protected in ether —OR⁴ or ester



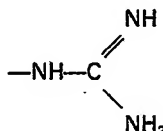
form where R⁴ is as given under W below and where R¹ and R², the same or different = ¹Pro (isopropyl), ¹Bu (isobutyl), Bzl (benzyl) or other lipophilic or aromatic amino-acid side chain

R³ = —H; lower alkyl (C₁—C₅); or —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc; formyl or other N-protecting group;

B = D- or L- Val or Ile other D- or L- lipophilic aminoacyl residue;

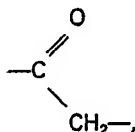
Z = D- or L- Tyr, Phe, His or other L- or D- aromatic aminoacyl residue; and

W = —OH as such or in protected ester form as —OR⁴ where R⁴ = lower alkyl primarily C₁—C₅ and particularly ¹Bu, or cycloalkyl primarily C₃—C₇, or Bzl, or other ester forming group; or —NH₂ as such or in protected amide form as —NHR⁵ or —N(R⁵)₂ (where R⁵ = an N-protecting or other substituent group e.g. lower alkyl as for R⁴ and (R⁵)₂ = two such or e.g. cycloalkyl, primarily C₃—C₇) or as —NH—(CH₂)_n—Q or —NR⁵—(CH₂)_n—Q (where n = 2 to 6 and Q = NH₂ or



and wherein any of the hydrogens attached to nitrogen may be substituted by R⁵ or (R⁵)₂; and L- or D-serine or lysine, arginine or other basic amino-acyl residue as such or in amide form substituted amide form or ester form e.g. containing a group or groups as given for R⁴ and R⁵ above as the case may be; or an amino alcohol residue derived therefrom as such or protected in ether or ester form e.g. containing a group as given for R⁴ above or Z + W = an alcohol derived from L- or D- Tyr, Phe, His or other L- or D- aromatic amino-acyl residue as such or protected in ester or ether form as above;

such polypeptide being in the above form or modified by isosteric replacement of one or more remaining peptide bonds by reduced —CH₂—NH—, keto,

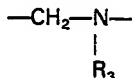


hydroxy, —CH(OH)—CH₂—, or hydrocarbon, —CH₂—CH₂— isosteric links and further being in free form or in protected or salt form at one or more remaining peptide, carboxyl, amino, hydroxy or other reactive groups, in particular as their physiologically acceptable acid addition salts at basic centres.

The above compounds may in particular be those related to the substrate sequence in the horse (B = Val at position 12) or those related to the substrate sequence in man (B = Ile at position 12). Particular groups of these compounds are set out in claims 2 and 3 respectively herein, as formulae VA and VB to which reference may be made but which are not repeated at this point.

The numbering of residues in formulae (V), (VA) and (VB) shows the correspondence with the renin substrates themselves, but without limitation of the generality of the formulae.

Where a peptide bond in addition to that corresponding to the Leu-Leu or Leu-Val bond in the natural renin substrate is isosterically substituted, the 7, 8 and 8, 9 positions i.e. the Pro-Phe and Phe-His bonds in formula V are preferred, or possibly both of these positions, and it is further preferred that the substitution should be



(X)

where R_3 is as set out above. The alternative isosteric substitutions set out herein may however be used.

Protective or substituent groupings as mentioned above may be any of these known in the polypeptide art amply disclosed in the literature and not requiring discussion at length here. Generally the selection of the 'protective' groups is according to their function, some being primarily intended to protect against undesired reaction during synthetic procedures while the N- and C- terminal substituents are for example directed against the attack of exopeptidases on the final compounds or to increase their solubility and hence physiological acceptability.

It is in particular possible for one or more remaining peptide bonds in the compounds of formula (V), (VA) or (VB) to be N-substituted with protective groups.

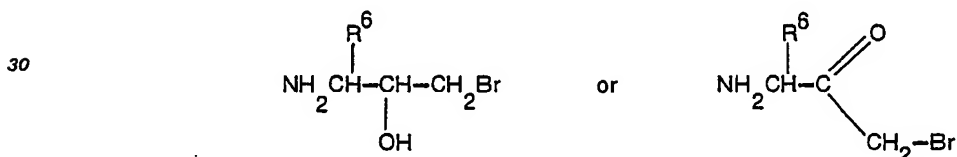
The invention further lies in the analogues for use as medicaments and particularly

i) in a diagnostic test for high renin states, blood pressure falling most when renin is high, or in a surgical prognostic test for reno-vascular hypertension (renal artery stenosis), by administration of said analogue followed by monitoring of blood pressure, and

ii) in the long and short term treatment of heart failure and all forms of hypertension particularly those associated with high serum renin levels, by administration of a renin-inhibiting amount of said analogue.

The long and short term response of blood pressure to renin inhibitors is predictive of surgical outcome. In all cases single and repeated doses and any conventional form of pharmaceutical composition may be used, for administration by intranasal or oral route, injection, or any other means as convenient. Amounts may for example be 0.001 to 10 mg/kg body weight daily more usually 0.01 to 1 mg, according to the potency of the analogue and the severity of the condition. Dosage unit compositions may contain such amounts or submultiples thereof to make up the daily dose. (Dosages herein and in the claims are related to the free base content where compounds are in salt form)

In production of the analogues use may be made of a method of making a hydroxy or keto isostere of a dipeptide wherein a derivative of a halohydrin preferably a bromohydrin or haloketone preferably a bromoketone



wherein R^6 is an amino acid side chain and the NH_2 and OH groups are in protected form is subjected to an alkylation procedure to attach a group



and gives the desired isostere as such or in protected form, R^7 being the same or a different amino acid side chain.

In particular the alkylation procedure may be

i) by reaction with an alkali metal carboxylic acid derivative preferably a lithium derivative



where R^7 is as above.

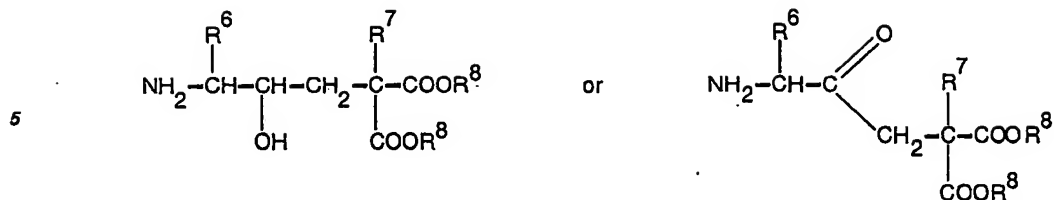
ii) by reaction with an alkali metal malonic ester derivative preferably a sodium derivative



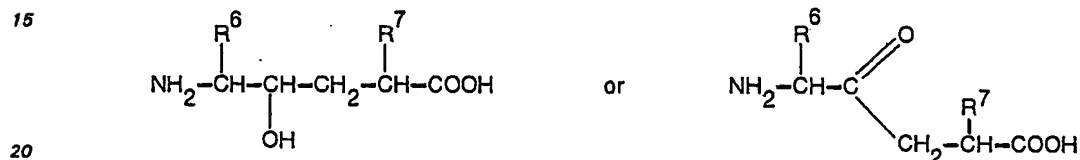
where R^8 is an esterifying group and a halide preferably an iodide



where R^7 is as above to give intermediate

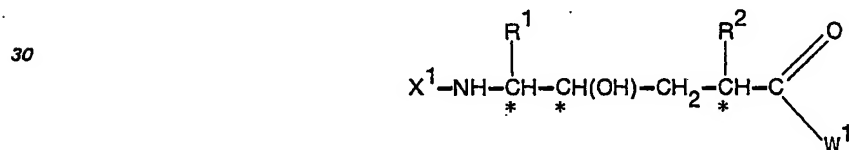


10 in protected form which intermediate is then decarboxylated and if desired deprotected to give the desired isostere



as such or in protected form.

25 The hydroxy isosteres so produced may further be oxidised to the corresponding keto isosteres. In particular the methods may be applied to the production of a hydroxy dipeptide isostere of the formula

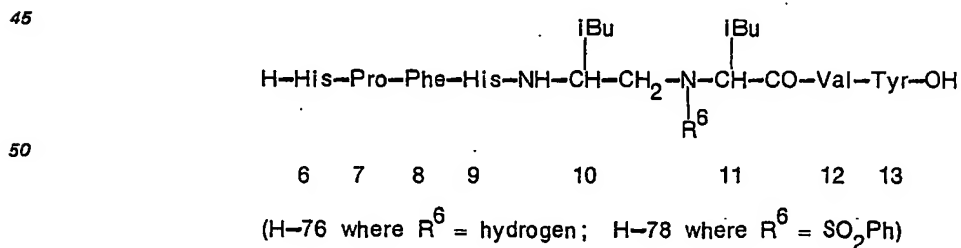


35 or the corresponding keto isosteres, where the significance of *, X¹ and W¹ is as above except that X¹ and W¹ do not represent amino-acyl.

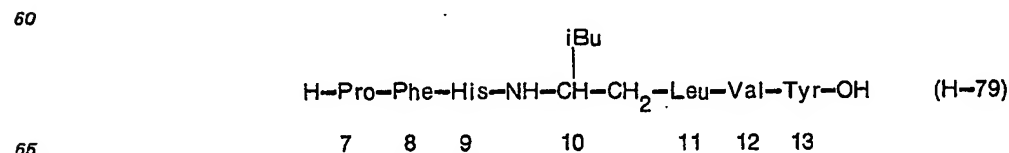
The dipeptide isosteres given by all these methods may be incorporated in higher peptide analogues by the methods herein described or by the methods of peptide synthesis as generally known in the art.

40 The dipeptide analogue syntheses are illustrated in detail herein, in the course of illustrating the preparation of the octapeptides and related compounds to which the invention relates.

Specific analogues within the invention, all as such or in protected form, are



55 and the corresponding analogue (H-77) with R⁶ = hydrogen and D-His at position 6. A further analogue, with the same methylene-imino isosteric replacement of a Leu-Leu peptide bond is:



Further analogues within formula (VA) are given in the present disclosure in Examples VI to IX, XI and XII. Analogues within formula (VB) are given in Examples V and X.

Synthetic Methods

5 The inventors have developed synthetic methods for the isosteric replacement of the peptide bond —CO—NH— with alternative groups, specifically —CH₂—NH— (reduced), —CH₂CH₂— (hydrocarbon),

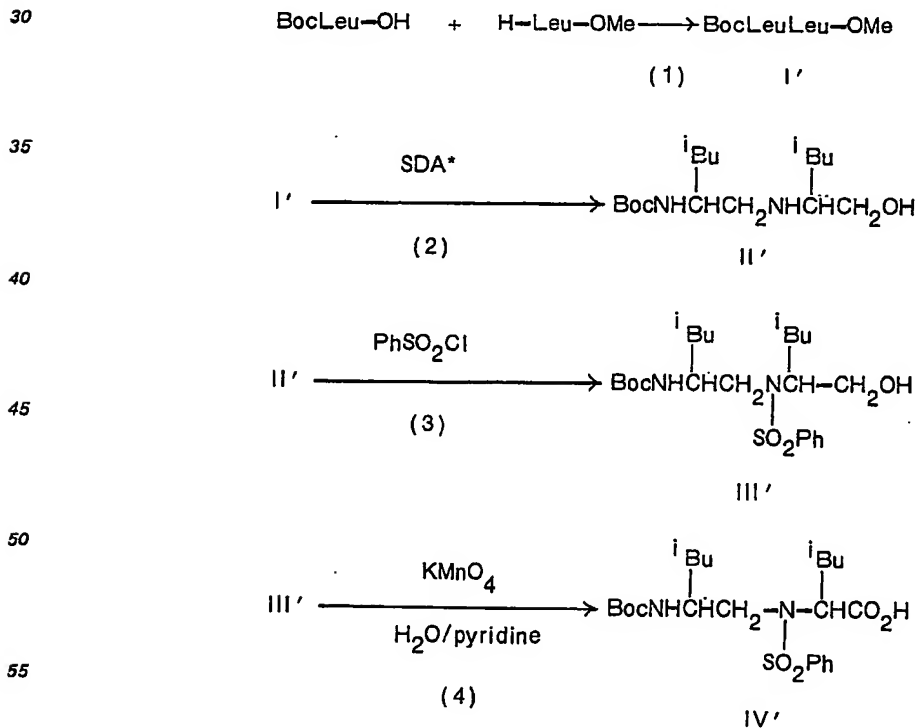


(keto) and —CH(OH)—CH₂— (hydroxy) isosteres (see, e.g. Szelke, et al, pp. 57—70 in "Molecular Endocrinology" Vol. 1, Editors: MacIntyre and Szelke, Elsevier, Amsterdam 1977, and Hudson, Sharpe and Szelke, U.S. Patent 4 198 398 "Enkephalin Analogues").

Reference may be made to these publications for general discussion of such isosteric replacement. A reaction sequence for the preparation in particular of the reduced isostere of leucyl leucine for incorporation in the analogues disclosed herein is however for example:

SCHEME 1

Synthesis of the protected reduced isostere of L-leucyl-L-leucine



* Sodium di(methoxyethoxy) aluminium hydride

(1) Boc-Leucyl-leucine methyl ester

The dipeptide I' was prepared from Boc-leucine.H₂O (27.5 g, 0.11 mole) and leucine methyl ester.HCl (20 g, 0.11 mole) by mixed anhydride coupling using N-methyl morpholine and isobutylchloroformate. After a standard work-up procedure the dipeptide I' was obtained as white needles, 35.0 g (88%) from EtOAc/petrol bpt 40—60°, m.p. 132—133°

(2) Preparation of compound II'

The dipeptide I' (7.2 g, 20 mmole) was dissolved in benzene (120 ml, Na-dried). A solution of sodium dihydro-bis-(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminumate (SDA, 70% in toluene, 41 ml) was added slowly with cooling. After addition, the solution was refluxed for ½ hr, cooled and poured into 0.5 M ice-cold citric acid solution. At pH 2.5 the aqueous solution was extracted with ether (4X) and the combined extracts were discarded. The pH was adjusted to 9 with Na₂CO₃ solution and the aqueous solution was saturated with sodium chloride. Extraction with ether (4X), followed by drying (Na₂SO₄) of the combined organic phases, evaporation and crystallisation from petrol (40–60°) at –20° gave the reduced dipeptide II': 5.1 g (78%) as white needles. m.p. 59–60°

Nmr (CDCl₃) 9.05–9.15 (12H, d, 4 × CH₃); 8.75 (6H, m, 2 × (CH₃)₂CH–CH₂); 8.55 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃CO); 7.35 (5H, m, CH₂NH, CH₂OH); 6.05–6.85 (3H, m, 2 × α–CH and CH₂OH); 5.3 (1H, d, Boc NH–).

(3) Protection of compound II' with benzenesulphonyl.

The reduced compound II' (11.0 g, 34.7 mmole) in dioxan (100 ml) was added to a solution of KHCO₃ (21 g., 6 equiv.) in H₂O (100 ml). This mixture was cooled in ice and benzene-sulphonyl chloride (9.0 ml, 2 equiv.) added in dioxan (25 ml) with vigorous stirring. Stirred at 22° overnight. Poured into ether, washed with 2N NH₄OH (4X), H₂O (1X) 0.5M citric acid (2X to remove any unsulphonated material), H₂O (1X).

The protected compound III' was obtained as an oil. Nmr spectroscopy showed the presence of one benzenesulphonyl group. This material was used without further purification in the next stage:—

(4) Oxidation of compound III'

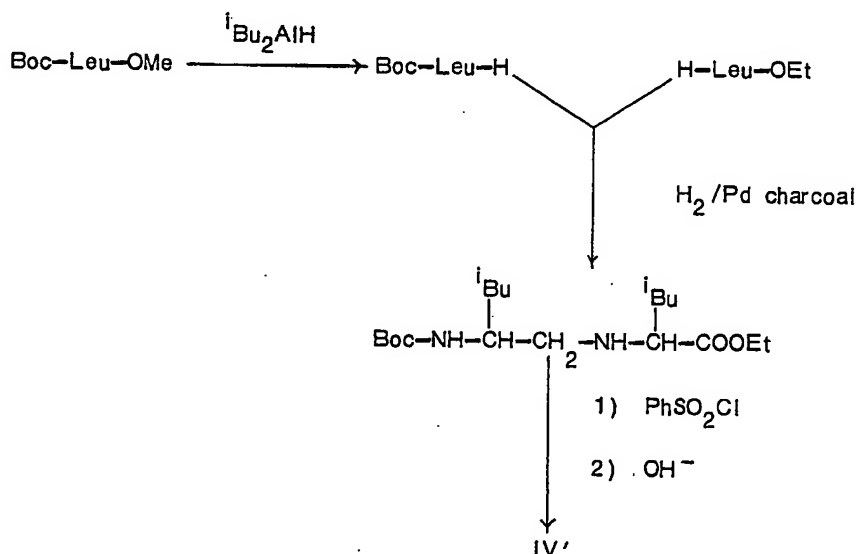
The material from the preceding preparation was taken up in pyridine (50 ml), cooled in ice and KMnO₄ (11.0 g 70 mmole) in H₂O (50 ml) and pyridine (100 ml) added. Stirred for 42 hours at 20°. The MnO₂ precipitate was removed and the filtrate diluted with citric acid solution until acidic. Ether extraction at pH 5 removed product and starting material. The product IV' was obtained by (i) NaHCO₃ extraction—to remove strongly acidic by-products (ii) extracted with 30% v/v 0.880 ammonia solution (6X). The ammonia washes contained essentially pure IV'. Starting material remaining in the ether was re-oxidised for 42 hours and worked-up as above.

The total amount of IV' (isolated by acidifying the ammonia washes and extracting with CHCl₃) obtained was 2.34 g (20% based on II').

The material was a colourless foam Rf 0.41 by TLC on silica in benzene-dioxan-acetic acid (95:25:4). NMR (CDCl₃): 8.9–9.3 (12H, m, 4 × CH₃); 8.2–8.8 (15H, m, (CH₃)₃CO and 2 × (CH₃)₂CH–CH₂); 5.4–7.0 (4H, m, 2 × α–CH and –CH₂–N–); 2.0 and 2.4 (5H, m, C₆H₅SO₂), 1.2 (1H, br.s, CO₂H).

Alternatively, the reduced Leu-Leu analogue IV may be synthesized by the following method:

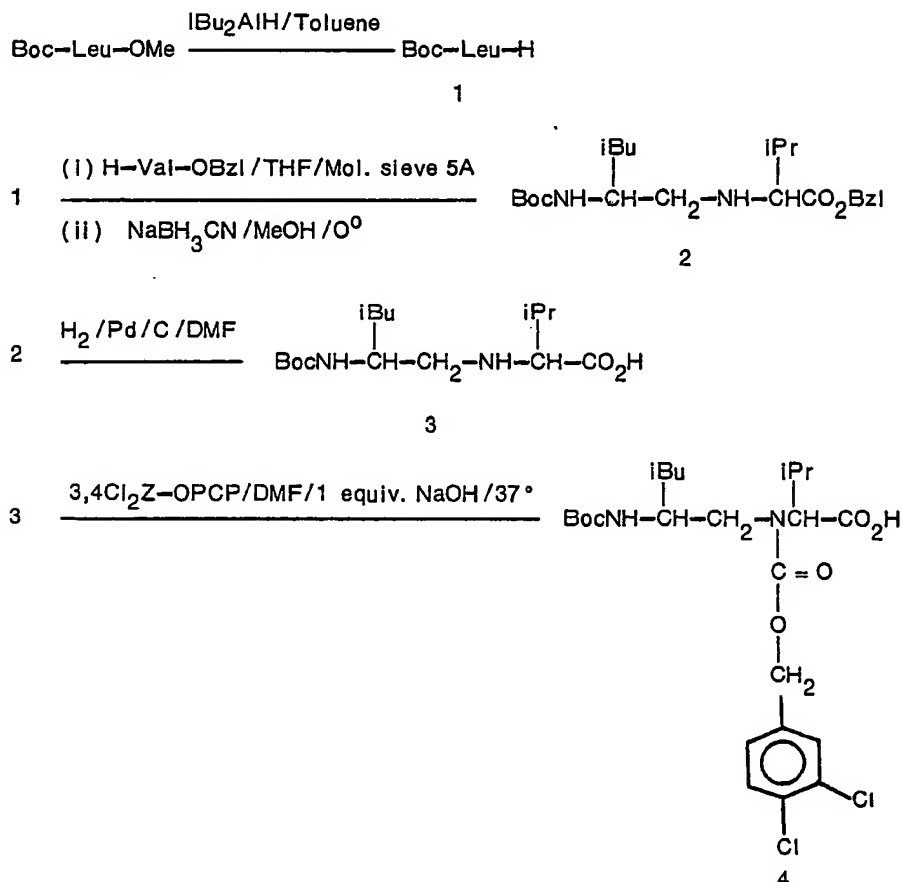
SCHEME 2



The following is a synthetic method for a reduced leu-Val isostere by a preferred route.

SCHEME 3

Synthesis of the protected reduced isostere of L-leucyl-L-leucine



(1) Boc-L-Leucinal, 1

Boc-L-Leucine methyl ester (22.7 g, 90 mmoles) in dry toluene (250 ml) under N_2 was cooled to -78° and 25% di-isobutylaluminium hydride in toluene (130 ml, 225 mmoles) were added over 25 mins. keeping the temperature under -70° . The mixture was stirred for 15 mins. at -78° after completion of the addition, then MeOH (10 ml) was added cautiously. When effervescence ceased the mixture was poured into an ice-cold solution of Rochelle salt (100 ml of saturated solution + 600 ml H_2O). This mixture was shaken until an extractable solution was obtained. The toluene was separated and the aqueous phase re-extracted with ether (2×300 ml). Toluene and ether extracts were combined and dried (Na_2SO_4). The resulting oil was passed rapidly through a pad of silica gel in 15% EtOAc/petrol $40-60^\circ$. The crude aldehyde was obtained as an oil, weight 18.68 g. Nmr showed aldehyde content to be 85%, therefore yield of aldehyde: 15.9 g (83%).

Nmr (CDCl_3), τ : 0.45 (1H, s, CHO); 4.87 (H, br. d., Boc NH); 5.83 (1H, br. m., NH-CHCHO); 8.43-8.93 (12H, m, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}\cdot\text{CH}_2$); 9.0 and 9.1 (12H, 2 \times d, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$)

TLC: (solvent 30% EtOAc/petrol $60-80^\circ$), $R_f = 0.43$.

(2) Boc-L-Leucyl-L-valine benzyl ester reduced isostere, 2

L-Valine-OBzl (10 mmoles, from EtOAc/1N NaHCO_3 partition of 3.8 g of p-toluene sulphonate salt) and Boc-L-Leucinal (2.54 g, 10 mmole aldehyde content) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) stood over 5Å molecular sieve (10 g) overnight. Sodium cyanoborohydride (630 mg, 10 mmoles) in MeOH (3 ml) was added with cooling, then left at room temperature for 30 mins. The mixture was diluted with methylene chloride (100 ml), filtered and evaporated to dryness. The residue was passed down a silica column in 20% EtOAc/petrol ($60-80^\circ$) to remove polar impurities. Isostere containing fractions were combined. Crystallisation from petrol $60-80^\circ$ at -20° gave large clusters of needles, 1.52 g (38%) m.p.

τ : 2.65 (5H, s, $\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$); 6.35 (1H, m, $\text{NHCHCO}_2\text{Bzl}$); 7.05 (1H, m, $\text{NH}-\text{CHCH}_2$); 7.45 (2H, m, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}-$); 8.25–8.90 (13H, m, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CO}-$), $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2$ and $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}-$); 9.05 and 9.15 (12H, $2 \times \text{s}$, $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$).

TLC: (Solvent: 30% EtOAc/petrol 60/80°) $R_f = 0.39$.

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(3) N-(2S)-t-Butyloxycarbonylamino-4-methylpentyl, N-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyloxycarbonyl)-L-valine, 4

Boc-L-Leucyl-L-valine, benzyl ester-reduced-isostere (1.5 g 3.68 mmoles) in dimethylformamide (60 ml) was hydrogenated at STP over 5% Pd/C (150 mg). After $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours the colloidal solution was flushed with nitrogen and 1M NaOH (3.8 ml, 1.05 equiv.) was added followed by 3,4-dichlorobenzyl pentachlorophenyl carbonate (1.92 g, 4.07 mmoles). The mixture was kept at 50° in a stoppered flask for 24 hours and then evaporated to dryness. EtOAc was added and the Pd/C filtered off. The EtOAc solution was washed

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with 1M citric acid (2 x), H_2O (1 x), brine (1 x), and dried (Na_2SO_4). The crude isostere 4 was chromatographed on silica-gel (Merck Keisegel 60, 40–63 m) eluting with 2% MeOH/ CHCl_3 to give the title compound as a colourless oil.

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Nmr (CDCl_3), τ : 2.5–2.9 (3H, m, $\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{H}_3$); 3.3–3.8 (2H, br, BocNH and CO_2H); 4.85 and 4.95 (2H, $2 \times \text{s}$, $\text{OCH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{H}_3$); 5.5–6.3 (2H, m, NHCHCH_2 and $-\text{NCHCO}_2\text{H}$); 6.5–7.2 (2H, br, $2 \times \text{d}$, $\text{CHCH}_2\text{N}-$); 8.2–8.9 (13H, m, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CO}$, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2$ and $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}-$); 8.9–9.4 (12H, m, $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$)

TLC: (solvent 5% MeOH/ CHCl_3) $R_f = 0.32$.

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Examples

The following detailed Examples illustrate the invention.

The Examples are preceded by the preparation of Boc-Tyr [Bzl (2, 6 Cl_2)] —O-resin. (Reaction times marked * are convenient rather than necessary).

25 Preparation of Resin

Boc-Tyr [Bzl(2, 6 Cl_2)]—OH (1.65 g, 3.75 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (20 ml) and water (5 ml) added. The pH was brought to 7.0 with cesium bicarbonate solution and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated twice with toluene and evaporated to remove the last traces of water leaving a white powder which was dried for several hours over phosphorus pentoxide. The residue was dissolved in DMF

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(65 ml), chloromethylated resin (10 g, 7.5 mequiv.) added and the reaction stirred at 37° for four days. The resin was then filtered and washed thoroughly with DMF, DMF/water (9:1) and then DMF again. The resin was then resuspended in DMF (65 ml) and treated with acetic anhydride (2.36 ml, 25 mmol) and triethylamine (3.5 ml, 25 mmol) for 3 days.

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The resin was filtered, washed thoroughly with DMF, DMF/water (9:1) and methanol and dried. The resin was then "defined" by shaking a suspension in dichloromethane and removing the particles slowest to float. The resin was then dried.

Yield 10.8 g.

Amino-acid analysis: (12N—HCl/propionic acid 1:1 130°, 2 hours) gave an incorporation of 0.11 mmol/g.

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Example I

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH (H—76)

Boc-Tyr [Bzl(2,6 Cl_2)] —O-Resin (3g, 0.6 mmol) was washed with reagents in the following sequence: CH_2Cl_2 (3X) iPrOH (2X), CH_2Cl_2 (3X), 40% TFA/ CH_2Cl_2 1 min then 20 min, CH_2Cl_2 (3X), iPrOH (2X), CH_2Cl_2 (3X), 40% TFA/ CH_2Cl_2 1 min then 20 min, CH_2Cl_2 (3X) iPrOH (2X) CH_2Cl_2 (3X), 10% $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (2×2 min), CH_2Cl_2 (5X). Boc-Val-OH (0.65 g, 3 mmol) was then coupled using DCCI (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) in DMF/ CH_2Cl_2 (1:1) for 17 hours. The resin was then washed with DMF (3X), CH_2Cl_2 (3X), iPrOH (2X), CH_2Cl_2 (3X) 10% $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (2 min), CH_2Cl_2 (5X) then acetylated using acetylimidazole (0.66 g, 6 mmol) in DMF for 1 hour. The resin was then washed with DMF (3X) CH_2Cl_2 (3X) iPrOH (2X) and finally

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CH_2Cl_2 (3X). The sequence of washes and reactions was repeated for the addition of each of the residues with the following modifications.

After deprotection of the Boc-Val-Tyr [Bzl (2,6 Cl_2)]—O-resin Boc-NH-CH (CH_2CHMe_2)- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}(\text{SO}_2\text{Ph})\text{-CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CHMe}_2)\text{-CO}_2\text{H}$ (0.42 g, 0.9 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.28 g, 1.35 mmol) and HOBt (0.275 g, 1.8 mmol) in DMF/ CH_2Cl_2 (1:1) for 18 hours, followed by acetylation using acetylimidazole (0.66 g, 6 mmol) in DMF for 1 hour.

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After deprotection, Boc-His(Dnp)-OH (1.44 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 2 hours, followed by acetylation for 1 hour.

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Deprotection of the histidyl peptide was achieved using 50% TFA/ CH_2Cl_2 instead of the usual 40% TFA/ CH_2Cl_2 . Boc-Phe-OH (0.796 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours*, followed by acetylation for 1 hour.

Deprotection of the phenylalanyl peptide was achieved using the usual 40% TFA/ CH_2Cl_2 . Boc-Pro-OH (0.646 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92, 6 mmol) for 2 hours followed by acetylation for 1 hour.

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After deprotection Boc-His(Dnp)-OH (1.44 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and

HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 14½ hours* followed by acetylation for 1 hour.

The resin was then washed with DMF (3X), CH₂Cl₂ (3X) iPrOH (2X), CH₂Cl₂ (3X) and finally MeOH (3X) and dried to give 3.5353 g of product.

1.2 g of this material was treated with HF at 0° for 1½ hours in the presence of anisole (1.5 ml) then dried overnight over potassium hydroxide. The resin was then washed with DMF/water (1:1), acetic acid and finally acetic acid/water (1:1) to remove the peptide. These washes were combined and evaporated *in vacuo*.

The residue was dissolved in DMF (15 ml) and water (6 ml) thioethanol (5 ml) added and the pH of the solution brought to 8.0 with sodium carbonate. The reaction was stirred overnight the solvent evaporated and the residue applied to a Sephadex G 25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 27—46 were combined and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo* and dried. Then 90% of the residue was taken (for the rest see Example III) and dissolved in anhydrous ammonia (100 ml) and small portions of sodium wire added until a permanent blue colour was achieved for 15 seconds. The ammonia was allowed to evaporate and the residue dried.

The residue was applied to a Sephadex SPC25 column (77 × 1.6 cms) eluted with 30% acetic acid at 40 ml/hr, with a sodium chloride gradient from 0.01M to 1M over two days collecting 6.6 ml fractions.

The product was contained in fractions 100—104. These were pooled, evaporated and the residue dissolved in glacial acetic acid and filtered to remove the sodium chloride. The solution was evaporated and desalted on a Sephadex G25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 32—6 were pooled, evaporated, transferred to a vial and lyophilised.

Yield 13.4 mg

Product C₅₂H₇₄O₉N₁₂ MW. 1011.25

T.l.c. (silica) Rf 0.15 EtOAc/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 40:20:6:11

Rf 0.40 nBuOH/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 30:20:6:24

T.l.e. pH 2.1 1000V 30 min mobility 8.3 cm.

pH 6.5 1000V 30 min mobility 7.5 cm.

AAA 6N HCl + phenol 110°, 40 hours, peptide content 72%

His: 1.97; Pro: 1.01; Val: 1.02; Tyr: 0.98; Phe: 1.01.

Example II

H—Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH (H—79)

Fractions 80—84 of the SPC 25 Sephadex Column from the previous synthesis were combined, evaporated and the residue dissolved in glacial acetic acid and filtered to remove sodium chloride. The solution was evaporated and the product desalted on a Sephadex G25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 32—9 were pooled, evaporated, transferred to a vial and lyophilised.

Yield 23.6 mg

Product C₄₆H₆₇O₈N₉ MW 874.10

T.l.c. (silica) Rf 0.29 EtOAc/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 40:20:6:11

Rf 0.46 nBuOH/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 30:20:6:24

T.l.e. pH 2.1 1000V 30 min mobility 7.5 cms

pH 6.5 1000V 30 min mobility 8.3 cms

AAA 6N HCl + phenol, 110°, 40 hours, peptide content 85%

His: 0.97; Pro: 1.08; Val: 0.99; Tyr: 0.97; Phe: 1.00.

The above example illustrates how Y in formulae (V), (VA) and (VB) may be absent.

Example III

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced (SO₂Ph)-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH (H—78)

In the synthesis of compound H76 10% of the residue from the Sephadex G25 column after the HF and thioethanol treatments of the resin was kept.

This material was applied to a Sephadex SPC25 column (77 × 1.6 cm) eluted with 30% acetic acid at 20 ml/hr with a sodium chloride gradient from 0.01M to 1M over 2 days collecting 6.6 ml fractions.

The product was contained in fractions 74—7. These were pooled, evaporated, dissolved in glacial acetic acid and filtered to remove sodium chloride. The solution was then evaporated and desalted on a Sephadex G25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 31—4 were pooled evaporated, the residue transferred to a vial and lyophilised.

Yield 0.6 mg

Product C₅₈H₇₈O₁₁N₁₂S MW: 1151.40

T.l.c. (silica) Rf 0.31 EtOAc/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 40:20:6:11

T.l.e. pH 2.1 1000v 30 min mobility 5.4 cms.

AAA 6N HCl + phenol, 40 hrs, 110°, peptide content 64%

His: 1.93; Pro: 1.08; Val: 1.05; Tyr: 0.96; Phe: 0.97.

Example IV

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH, (H—77)

The Boc-Tyr [Bzl(2,6,Cl₂)]—O-Resin (3g, 0.6 mmol) was deprotected and Boc-Val-OH (0.65 g, 3.0 mmol) was coupled using DCCl (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 22 hours* then acetylated with acetylimidazole (0.66 g, 6 mmol) for 1 hour.

After deprotection, Boc-Leu-reduced (SO₂Ph)-Leu-OH, IV, (0.42 g 0.9 mmol) was coupled using DCCl (0.28 g, 1.35 mmol) and HOBt (0.275 g, 1.8 mmol) for 20 hours, then acetylated for 1 hour.

After deprotection Boc-His(Dnp)-OH (1.44 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCl (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 22 hours*, then acetylated for 1 hour.

After deprotection, this time with 50% TFA/CH₂Cl₂ Boc-Phe-OH (0.796 g, 3 mmol) was coupled with DCCl (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 19 hours* then acetylated for 1 hour.

After deprotection Boc-Pro-OH (0.646 g, 3 mmol) was coupled using DCCl (0.68 g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92 g, 6 mmol) for 3 hours then acetylated for 1 hour.

The peptide was again deprotected and coupled with Boc-D-His(Boc)-OH (0.91 g, 2.56 mmol using DCCl (0.58 g, 2.82 mmol) and HOBt (0.78 g, 5.1 mmol) for 2 hours, then acetylated for 1 hour.

The resin was washed with DMF (3X) CH₂Cl₂ (3X) iPrOH (2X) CH₂Cl₂ (3X) and finally MeOH (3X) and dried to give 3.6563 g of product.

1.2 g of this material was treated with HF at 0° for 1½ hours in the presence of anisole (1.5 ml) then dried overnight over potassium hydroxide. The resin was then washed with DMF, DMF/H₂O (1:1) acetic acid and finally acetic acid/water (1:1) to remove the peptide. These washes were combined and evaporated *in vacuo*.

The residue was dissolved in DMF (15 ml) and water (6 ml), thioethanol (5 ml) added and the pH of the solution brought to 8.0 with sodium carbonate solution. The reaction was stirred overnight the solvent evaporated and the residue applied to a Sephadex G 25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 27—46 were combined and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo* and dried.

90% of the residue was dissolved in anhydrous ammonia (100 ml) and small portions of sodium wire added until a permanent blue colour was achieved for 15 seconds. The ammonia was allowed to evaporate and the residue dried.

The residue was applied to a Sephadex SPC 25 column (77 × 1.6 cms) eluted with 30% acetic acid at 20 ml/hr with a sodium chloride gradient 0.01 M to 1M over 2 days collecting 6.6 ml fractions.

The product was contained in fractions 88—92. These were pooled, evaporated and the residue dissolved in glacial acetic acid and filtered to remove the sodium chloride. The solution was evaporated and desalted on a Sephadex G25 column (72 × 2.5 cms) eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 ml/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 32—41 were pooled, evaporated, transferred to a vial and lyophilised.

Yield 46.8 mg

Difference in yields between "L-His" and "D-His" compounds was accounted for by a lower incorporation of the isostere in the "L" case and less removal of the histidine with Na/NH₃.

Product C₅₂H₇₄O₉N₁₂ MW 1011.25
 Tlc (silica) Rf 0.18 EtOAc/Pyr/AcOH/H₂O 40:20:6:11
 Tle pH 2.1 1000V 30 min mobility 77 cm
 pH 6.5 1000V 30 min mobility 7.9 cm
 AAA 6N-HCl + phenol, 110°, 40 hours, peptide content 93%
 His: 1.98, Pro: 1.00; Val: 1.08; Tyr: 0.97; Phe 0.97

Example V

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Ile-His-OH (H 113)

The method is generally that of Example I above but illustrates formula (VB).

Preparation of Boc-His (DNP)-O-Resin (AH/30/83)

Boc-His(DNP)-OH. (4.74g, 11.25 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (60ml) and a solution of cesium bicarbonate (2.18g, 11.25mmol) in water (15 ml) added. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue treated four times with toluene and evaporated to remove water before finally drying overnight over phosphorus pentoxide. The residue was dissolved in DMF (175 ml), chloromethylated resin (30g, 22.5 m-equiv.) added and the reaction stirred at 37° for five days.

The resin was filtered off and washed thoroughly with DMF, DMF/water (9:1) and then DMF again. It was resuspended in DMF (175 ml) and treated with acetic anhydride (7.08 ml, 75 mmol) and triethylamine (10.5ml, 75 mmol) overnight.

The resin ester was filtered, washed thoroughly with DMF, DMF/water (9:1) and methanol and dried. It was then "de-fined" by shaking it in dichloromethane and removing the particles in the supernatant. Finally, the resin was dried. Yield: 30.45g. A trial coupling with Boc-Ala-OH, followed by amino-acid analysis (after hydrolysis with 12N-HCl/propionic acid 1:1, 130°, 2hrs) gave an incorporation of 0.2mmol/.

Coupling to Resin Ester

Boc-His(DNP)-O-Resin (2.5g 0.55 mmol) was deprotected with 50% TFA/CH₂Cl₂ and Boc-Ile-OH (0.748g 3mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92g, 6.0mmol) for 2 hours, then acetylated with acetyl imidazole (0.55g, 5mmol) overnight.

5 After deprotection with 40% TFA/CH₂Cl₂, Boc-Leu-reduced (3,4-Cl₂-Z)-Val-OH, 4 (0.343g, 0.66 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0/15g, 0.73mmol) and HOBt (0.20g, 1.32 mmol) for 16 hours, then actylated for 1 hour.

After deprotection, Boc-His(DNP)-OH (1.26g, 3.0 mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68g, 3.3 mmol) and HOBt (0.92g, 6mmol) for 2 hours, then acetylated for 1 hour.

10 After deprotection, again with 50% TFA/CH₂Cl₂, Boc-Phe-OH (0.796g, 3mmol) was coupled with DCCI (0.68g, 3.3mmol) and HOBt (0.92g, 6mmol) for 3 hours then acetylated overnight.

After deprotection, Boc-Pro-OH (0.646g, 3mmol) was coupled using DCCI (0.68g, 3.3mmol) and HOBt (0.92g, 6mmol) for 2 hours then acetylated for 1 hour.

The peptide was again deprotected and coupled with Boc-His (DNP)-OH (1.26g, 3mmol) using DCCI 15 (0.68g, 3.3mmol) and HOBt (0.92g, 6mmol) for 2 hours, then acetylated overnight.

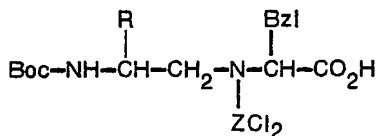
The peptide resin ester was washed with DMF (3X), CH₂Cl₂ (3X) iProH (2X), CH₂Cl₂ (3X) and finally MeOH (3X) and dried. It was then treated with HF at 0° for 1½ hours in the presence of anisole (4ml) and dried overnight over potassium hydroxide. The resin was washed with DMF, acetic acid and acetic acid/water (1:1) to remove the peptide. The washes were combined and evaporated *in vacuo*.

20 The residue was dissolved in DMF (60 ml) and water (24ml), thioethanol (10ml) was added and the pH of the solution brought to 8.0 with sodium carbonate solution. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, the solvent evaporated and the residue applied to a Sephadex G25 column (77 × 2.5cms). It was eluted with 50% acetic acid at 18 mls/hr collecting 6 ml fractions. Fractions 34—53 were combined and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo* and dried.

25 Product C₄₉H₇₂O₃N₁₄ MW 985,21
Tlc (silica) R_f = 0.63 in EtOAc-Py-AcOH-H₂O (15:20:6:11)
AA analysis in accordance with calculated composition.

Examples VI — IX

30 These Examples illustrate formula (VA). The methods disclosed above are applied to condensing Boc-Phe-H or Boc-Leu-H with H-Phe-OBzl, reducing the imine link, deprotecting at the carboxyl terminus and protecting the nitrogen of the reduced peptide link to give:



12 R = Bzl

12a R = iBu ZCl₂ = 3,4-dichloro benzyloxy carbonyl

45 This Phe-reduced-Phe or Leu-reduced-Phe analogue is then used as follows:

- VI Use of 12 (Phe-reduced-Phe) in an analogue otherwise as H—77 (see Example IV)
- VII Use of 12a (Leu-reduced-Phe) in an analogue otherwise as H—77 (see Example IV)
- VIII Use of 12 in an analogue as H—76 (Example I), viz:

50 H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH (H 110)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

55 — IX Use of 12a in an analogue as H—76 (Example I), viz:

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH (H 115)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Example X

This Example illustrates formula (VB), the method of Example V being used but with the Tyr resin of Examples I to IV, to give:

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Ile-Tyr-OH

(H 116)

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Example XI

Use of methods disclosed herein to give:

H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-Lys-OH

(H 108)

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this being an analogue illustrating the non-criticality of the terminal portions of the chain allowing X and W in formulae (V), (VA) and (VB) to represent further residues. It is a further example of formula (VA).

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Example XII

Use of the methods disclosed herein to give:

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Val-Tyr-OH

(H 117)

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a compound of value in its relation to the Leu-Val structure at 11, 12 in human renin substrate.

The following Example illustrates the synthesis of hydroxy and keto isosteres.

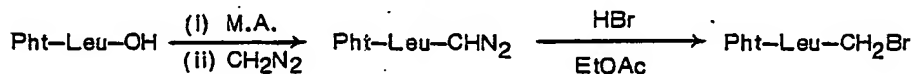
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Example XIII

The reaction scheme below, also suitable for other hydroxy dipeptide analogues, was used to synthesise an N-terminal and hydroxy-group protected Leu-Leu hydroxy isostere 18.

Scheme 4

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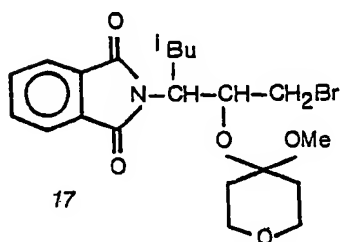
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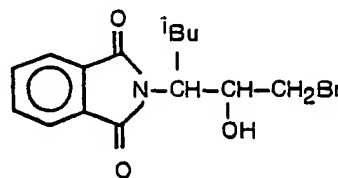
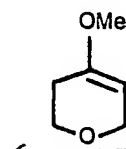
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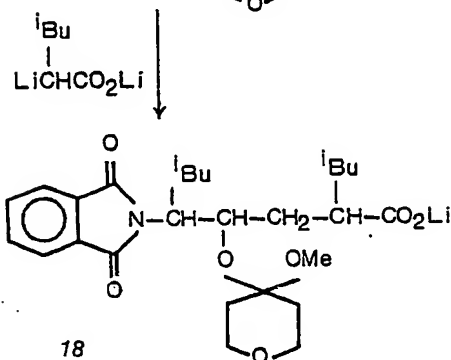
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one diastereomer

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65 M.A. = isobutyl chloroform/triethylamine Pht = phthaloyl

10 a) H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH
b) H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH
c) H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH

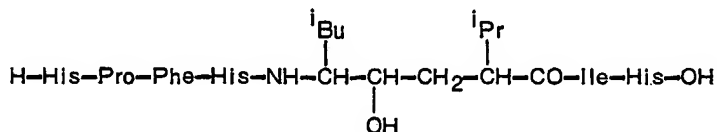
15 The alternative and preferred reaction scheme below, also suitable for other dipeptide hydroxy isosteres was used to synthesise an N-terminal and hydroxy-group protected Leu-Val hydroxy isostere 23.

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22 amino protection is changed from Pht to Boc yielding the protected isostere 23 which is suitable for incorporation into an octapeptide analogue by the usual methods of solid phase peptide synthesis to give for example the octapeptide analogue:

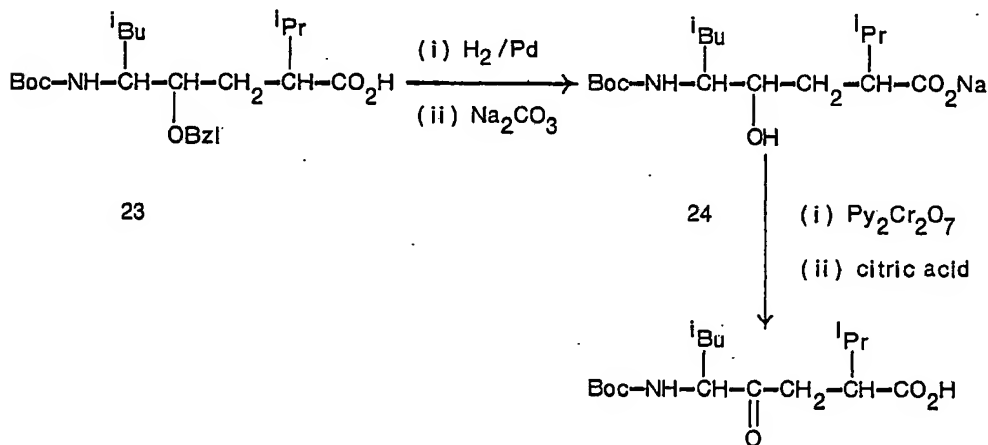


This is a Leu-hydroxy-Val isostere.

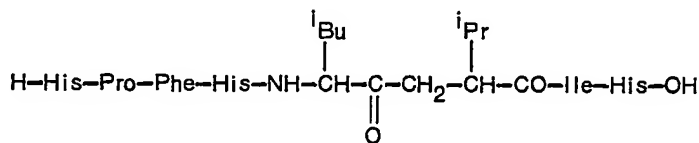
Example XV

Keto isosteres may be prepared for example by the method of published U.K. Specification No. 1 587 809 (U.S. 4 242 256) of R. Sharpe and one of the present inventors M. Szalke, to which reference may be made. Alternatively they may be prepared as disclosed herein and in particular, in the present Example, from the final product 23 of scheme 5 as in the scheme below:—

SCHEME 6

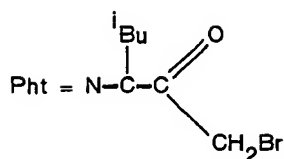


In the above scheme the benzyl protection is selectively removed from the hydroxyl function of 23 and the free acid is converted into its sodium salt 24. The latter is subjected to oxidation by pyridinium dichromate and acidification to give the partially protected keto isostere acid which is ready for incorporation into an octapeptide analogue by the usual methods of solid phase synthesis, for example the analogue:



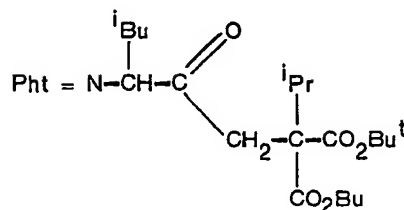
This is a Leu-keto-Val isostere.

Alternatively the keto isostere may be prepared directly by a modified version of scheme 5 wherein the bromohydrin 19 is replaced by the bromoketone 15 (scheme 4), which is:



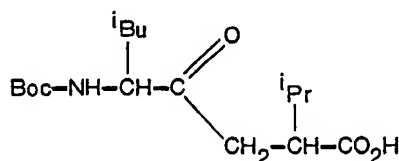
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giving the compound



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which is successively treated with TsOH, toluene and i) N_2H_4 , ii) Boc_2O to give:



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ACTIVITY IN VITRO

Preliminary activity test results in the human renin-renin substrate reaction in vitro are given in the table below, with comparative figures for the tetrapeptide analogue (III). The test is based on the methods described by J. A. Millar et al. in *Clinica Chimica Acta* (1980) 101 5—15 and K. Poulsen and J. Jorgensen in *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* (1974) 39 816.

It is based on the measurement, by radioimmunoassay, of Angiotensin-I released from human renin substrate by human renin in human plasma. The inhibitor is dissolved in 0.01 N HCl (10 μl) containing EDTA, and angiotensin-I antibody (15 μl) in 3M-Tris/HCl buffer (pH 6.9).

After incubation at 37°C for 0—120 mins., the enzymic reaction is quenched by the addition of ice-cold 0.25M Tris/HCl buffer (pH 7.4) containing 0.01% of bovine serum albumin. 125I-labelled angiotensin-I is added, followed by equilibration at 4°C for 48 hours. Free and bound ligand are separated by the addition of dextran-coated charcoal, and the amount of bound radio-ligand determination in a gamma counter.

The results for the renin inhibitory activities of the present compounds thus tested, expressed as the IC_{50} (the molar concentration required to cause 50% inhibition), are as follows:

	Analogue	IC ₅₀
	Example I (H—76)	1.0 μ M
5	Example II (H—79)	17.0 μ M
	Example III (H—78)	1.5 μ M
10	Example IV (H—77)	1.0 μ M
	Example V (H—113)	0.26 μ M **
	Example VI	*
15	Example VII	*
	Example VIII (H—110)	1.3 μ M
20	Example IX (H—115)	2.5 μ M
	Example X (H—116)	0.20 μ M
	Example XI (H—108)	0.05 μ M
25	Example XII (H—117)	*
	Example XIII a)	*
30	b)	*
	c)	*
	Example XIV	*
35	Example XV	*
	* Preliminary indication of comparable activities.	
40	** The corresponding non-isosteric peptide has for example been tested and shows a potency over three orders of magnitude less (IC ₅₀ 400 μ M) (Comparative) III 822 μ M	

These are most notable results, showing a potency, in the reduction of renin activity remaining in the plasma in the presence of the analogue, several orders of magnitude greater than the previously proposed tetrapeptide analogue.

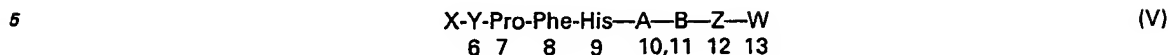
ACTIVITY IN VIVO

The activity tests below are in animals but indicate corresponding activity in man.
 In *in vitro* studies, in plasma for both normal and sodium-depleted dogs, the compound H—77 (Example IV) inhibited renin. In *in vivo* studies H—77 was infused into normal conscious sodium-depleted dogs at rates of 0.01, 0.1, 1 and 10 mg/kg/hr. A maximum fall in blood pressure, plasma renin (PR) angiotensin-I (A—I) and antiangiotensin-II (A—II) levels was obtained within 10 minutes at doses of 1 and 10 mg/kg/hr. When the infusion was stopped, blood pressure returned to baseline levels 30 minutes after the 1 mg/kg/hr. dose, but more slowly after the 10 mg/kg/hr. dose.

In the claims below it will be understood that compounds may be in the form shown or in protected or salt form at NH₂, COOH, OH or other active groups and in particular as their physiologically acceptable acid addition salts at basic centres. Further as already noted herein general reference to amino acids and amino acyl residues and side chains is to be taken as reference to such whether naturally occurring in proteins or not and to both D- and L- forms, and amino is to be taken as including imino except where an aromatic acid, residue or side chain is specified.

Claims for the Contracting States: BE CH DE FR GB IT LI LU NL SE

1. A polypeptide analogue of the formula:

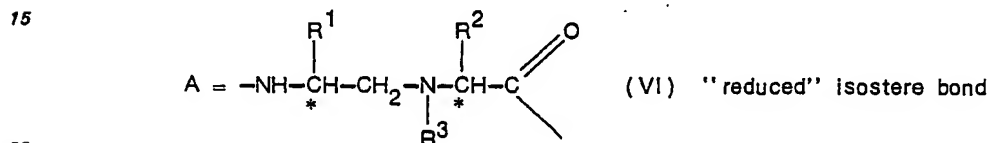


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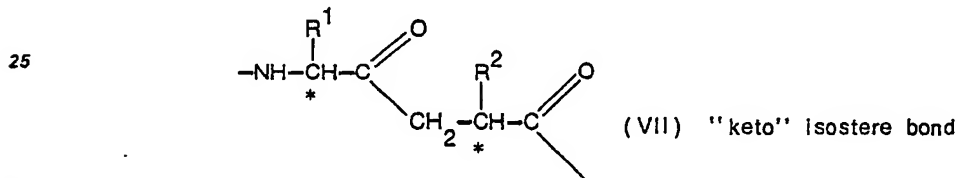
Pro, Phe and His may be in substituted form;

10 X = H; or an acyl or other N-protecting group e.g. acetyl, pivaloyl, *t*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), benzoyl or lower alkyl (primarily C₁—C₆); or an L- or D-amino-acyl residue, which may itself be N-protected similarly;

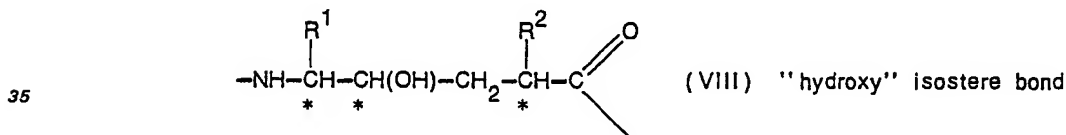
Y = D- or L-His or other D- or L- basic or aromatic amino-acyl residue, or is absent;



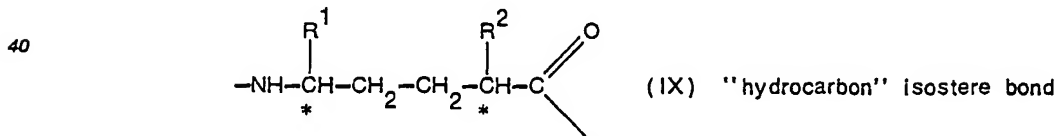
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45 where the configuration at asymmetric centres * is either R or S, where in VIII the hydroxy group may be present as such or protected in ether —OR⁴ or ester



55 form where R⁴ is as given under W below and where

R₁ and R₂, the same or different = ¹Pro (isopropyl), ¹Bu (isobutyl), Bzl (benzyl) or other lipophilic or aromatic amino-acid side chain

R³ = —H; lower alkyl (C₁—C₆); or —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, formyl or other N-protecting group;

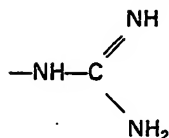
B = D- or L- Val or Ile or other D- or L- lipophilic amino-acyl residue;

60 Z = D- or L- Tyr, Phe, His or other L- or D-aromatic amino-acyl residue; and

W = —OH as such or in protected ester form as —OR⁴ where R⁴ = lower alkyl primarily C₁—C₅ and particularly ¹Bu, or cycloalkyl primarily C₃—C₇, or Bzl, or other ester forming group; or —NH₂ as such or in

protected amide form as —NHR⁵ or —N(R⁵)₂ (where R⁵ = an N-protecting or other substituent group e.g. lower alkyl as for R⁴ and (R⁵)₂ = two such or e.g. cycloalkyl, primarily C₃—C₇) or as —NH—(CH₂)_n—Q

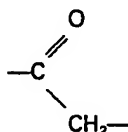
65 (where n = 2 to 6 and Q = NH₂ or



and wherein any of the hydrogens attached to nitrogen may be substituted by R^5 or $(R^5)_2$; an L- or D-serine or lysine, arginine or other basic aminoacyl residue as such or in amide form, substituted amide form or ester form e.g. containing a group or groups as given for R^4 and R^5 above as the case may be; or an amino alcohol residue derived therefrom as such or protected in ester or ether form e.g. containing a group as given for R^4 above or

Z + W = an alcohol derived from L- or D-Tyr, Phe, His or other L- or D- aromatic amino-acyl residue as such or protected in ester or ether form as above;

such polypeptide being in the above form or modified by isosteric replacement of one or more remaining peptide bonds by reduced, $\text{—CH}_2\text{—NH—}$, keto,



hydroxy, $\text{—CH(OH)—CH}_2\text{—}$, or hydrocarbon, $\text{—CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$ isosteric links and further being in free form or in protected form at one or more remaining peptide, carboxyl, amino, hydroxy or other reactive groups.

2. A polypeptide analogue according to claim 1, of the formula:



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where

X, Y, Pro, Phe and His are as in claim 1

A is as in claim 1 except that R^1 and R^2 , the same or different = ^iBu (isobutyl) or Bzl (benzyl) or other lipophilic or aromatic amino-acid side chain $R^3 = \text{—H}$; or $\text{—SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $\text{—SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, formyl or other

N-protecting group

Z = Tyr, Ph or other L- or D-aromatic amino-acyl residue;

W = —OH as such or in protected ester form as —OR^4 where R^4 = lower alkyl (primarily $\text{C}_1\text{—C}_5$ and particularly ^iBu), or Bzl, or other ester forming group; or —NH_2 as such or in protected amide form as —NHR^5 or $\text{—N(R}^5)_2$ (R^5 = an N-protecting group e.g. lower alkyl as for R^4 ; $(R^5)_2$ = two such or e.g. cyclo-alkyl, primarily $\text{C}_3\text{—C}_7$) or an L- or D- amino-acyl residue e.g. a serine or basic amino-acyl residue as such or in amide form or in protected amide or ester form e.g. containing a group or groups as given for R^4 or R^5 above as the case may be; or an amino acid alcohol residue derived therefrom as such or protected in ester or ether form e.g. containing a group as given for R^4 above or

Z + W = an alcohol derived from Tyr or Phe or other L- or D- aromatic amino acyl residue as such or protected in ester or ether form as above.

3. A polypeptide analogue, according to claim 1, of the formula:



6 7 8 9 10,11 12 13

where

X, Y, Pro, Phe and His are as in claim 1

A as in claim 1 except that $R_1 = ^i\text{Bu}$ (isobutyl) or Bzl (benzyl) or other lipophilic or aromatic amino-acid side chain, $R^2 = ^i\text{Pr}$ (isopropyl) and $R^3 = \text{—H}$; or $\text{—SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $\text{—SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, formyl or other protecting group

Z is as in claim 1

W is as in claim 2 or

Z + W = an alcohol derived from the aromatic residues specified for Z in claim 1, as such or protected in ester or ether form as specified therein.

4. A polypeptide analogue as any one of claims 1 to 3, modified by isosteric replacement, as set out therein, at one or both of the Pro-Phe or Phe-His links.

5. A polypeptide analogue as any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the isosteric replacement at at least the 10,11 position is of the "reduced" kind.

6. A polypeptide analogue as any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the isosteric replacement at at least the 10,11 position is of the "hydroxy" kind.

7. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 8. The compound: H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 9. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced (SO₂Ph)-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 10. The compound: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 11. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Ile-His-OH.
 12. The compound: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduced-Val-Tyr-OH.
 13. The compound: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.
 14. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.
 15. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.
 16. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Ile-Tyr-OH.
 17. The compound: H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduced-Phe-Val-Tyr-Lys-OH.
 18. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduced-Val-Val-Tyr-OH.
 19. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 20. The compound: H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 21. The compound: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.
 22. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Val-Ile-His-OH.
 23. The compound: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-keto-Val-Ile-His-OH.
 24. A polypeptide analogue according to any one of claims 1 to 23, for use in a diagnostic test for high-renin states, blood pressure falling most when renin is high, or in a surgical prognostic test for renovascular hypertension (renal artery stenosis), by administration of said polypeptide analogue followed by monitoring of blood pressure.
 25. A polypeptide analogue according to any one of claims 1 to 23, for use in the long and short term treatment of heart failure and all forms of hypertension particularly those associated with high serum renin levels, by administration of a renin-inhibiting amount of said polypeptide analogue.
 26. A polypeptide analogue according to any one of claims 1 to 23, for use as a medicament, the dosage thereof being 0.001 to 10 mg/kg body weight daily, preferably 0.01 to 1.0 mg, of said polypeptide analogue.
 27. A polypeptide analogue according to any one of claims 1 to 23, when in the form of a composition with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
 28. The composition of claim 27, in unit dosage form containing the amounts of analogue set out in claim 26 or sub-multiple thereof.

35 Claims for the Contracting State: AT

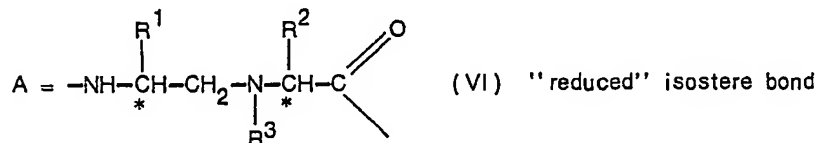
1. A process for preparing polypeptide analogues of the formula:



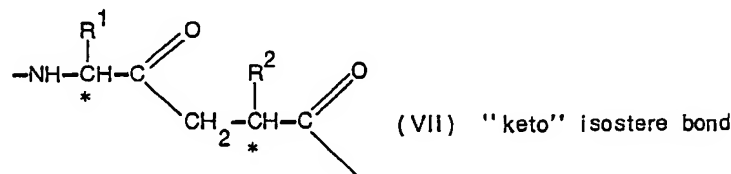
where:—

Pro, Phe and His may be in substituted form;

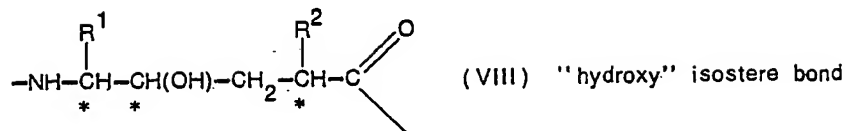
- X = H; or an acyl or other N-protecting group e.g. acetyl, pivaloyl, *t*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), benzoyl or lower alkyl (primarily C₁—C₅); or an L- or D- amino- acyl residue, which may itself be N-protected similarly;
 Y = D- or L-His or other D- or L- basic or aromatic amino-acyl residue, or is absent;



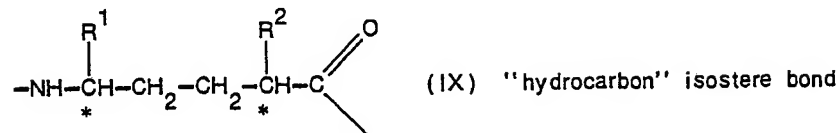
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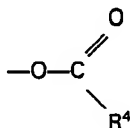
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where the configuration at asymmetric centres * is either R or S, where in VIII the hydroxy group may be present as such or protected in ether ---OR^4 or ester



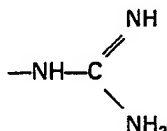
form where R^4 is as given under W below and where R^1 and R^2 , the same or different = 'Pro (isopropyl), 'Bu (isobutyl), Bzl (benzyl) or other lipophilic or aromatic amino-acid side chain

$\text{R}^3 = \text{---H}$; lower alkyl ($\text{C}_1\text{---C}_6$); or $\text{---SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $\text{---SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, formyl or other N-protecting group;

B = D- or L- Val or Ile or other D- or L- lipophilic amino-acetyl residue;

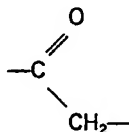
Z = D- or L- Tyre, Phe, His or other L- or D-aromatic amino acyl residue; and

W = ---OH as such or in protected ester form as ---OR^4 where R^4 = lower alkyl primarily $\text{C}_1\text{---C}_5$ and particularly 'Bu, or cycloalkyl primarily $\text{C}_3\text{---C}_7$, or Bzl, or other ester forming group; or ---NH_2 as such or in protected amide form as ---NHR^5 or $\text{---N(R}^5)_2$ (where R^5 = an N-protecting or other substituent group e.g. lower alkyl as for R^4 and $(\text{R}^5)_2$ = two such or e.g. cycloalkyl, primarily $\text{C}_3\text{---C}_7$) or as $\text{---NH---(CH}_2)_n\text{---Q}$ or $\text{---NR}^5(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{---Q}$ (where $n = 2$ to 6 and $\text{Q} = \text{NH}_2$ or



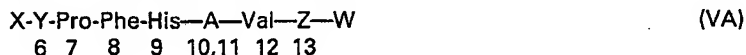
and wherein any of the hydrogens attached to nitrogen may be substituted by R^5 or $(\text{R}^5)_2$; an L- or D- serine or lysine, arginine or other basic aminoacyl residue as such or in amide form, substituted amide form or ester form e.g. containing a group or groups as given for R^4 and R^5 above as the case may be; or an amino alcohol residue derived therefrom as such or protected in ester or ether form e.g. containing a group as given for R^4 above or

Z + W = an alcohol derived from L- or D- Tyr, Phe, His or other L- or D- aromatic amino-acyl residue as such or protected in ester or ether form as above; such polypeptide being in the above form or modified by isosteric replacement of one or more remaining peptide bonds by reduced, $\text{---CH}_2\text{---NH---}$, keto,



hydroxy, $\text{---CH(OH)---CH}_2\text{---}$, or hydrocarbon, $\text{---CH}_2\text{---CH}_2\text{---}$ isosteric links and further being in free form or in protected form at one or more remaining peptide, carboxyl, amino, hydroxyl or other reactive groups, said process being characterised in that the corresponding individual peptide builder groups are successively reacted singly or as presynthesised units of two or more groups.

2. A process for preparing polypeptide analogues, according to claim 1, of the formula:



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H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH or

H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH or

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H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH or

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxy-Val-Ile-His-OH or

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-keto-Val-Ile-His-OH

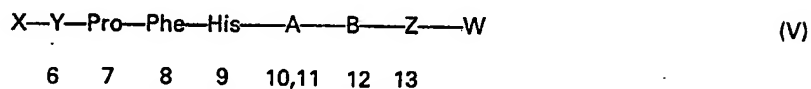
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said process being characterised in that the corresponding individual peptide builder groups are successively reacted singly or as presynthesised units of two or more groups.

15 Patentansprüche für die Vertragsstaaten: BE CH DE FR GB IT LI LU NL SE

1. Polypeptidanaloges der Formel:

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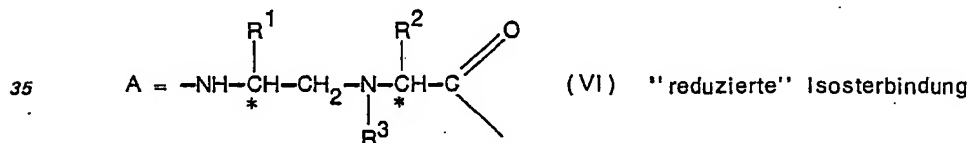


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Pro, Phe und His in substituierter Form vorhanden sein können;
 25 X gleich H ist; oder ein Acyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe, wie Acetyl, Pivaloyl, *t*-Butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), Benzoyl oder Niedrigalkyl (insbesondere C₁-C₈); oder ein L- oder D-Aminoacylrest, welcher selbst ähnlich N-geschützt sein kann, ist.

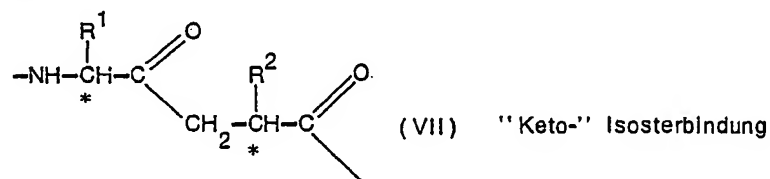
Y für D- oder L-His oder einen anderen D- oder L- basischen oder aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht, oder abwesend ist;

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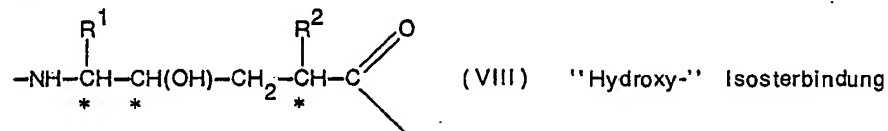
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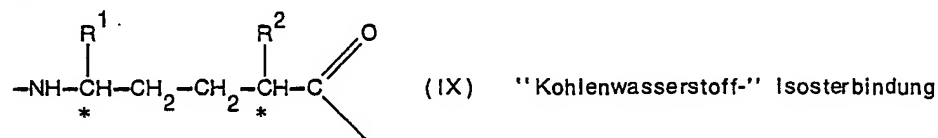
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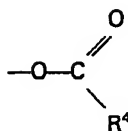
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worin die Konfiguration an asymmetrischen Zentren* entweder R oder S ist, wobei in VIII die
 65 Hydroxygruppe als solche oder geschützt in Äther- —OR⁴ oder Ester-



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Form,

worin R^4 wie unter W unten angegeben ist, anwesend sein kann; und worin

10 R^1 und R^2 gleich oder verschieden sind und ^1Pro (Isopropyl), ^1Bu (Isobutyl), Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette bedeuten;

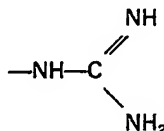
R^3 für $-\text{H}$; Niedrigalkyl (C_1-C_3); oder $-\text{SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht.

B für D- oder L- Val oder Ile oder einen anderen D- oder L-lipophilen Aminoacylrest steht;

Z für D- oder L- Tyr, Phe, His oder einen anderen L- oder D-aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht; und

15 W für $-\text{OH}$ als solches oder in geschützter Esterform als $-\text{OR}^4$, worin R^4 Niedrigalkyl, in erster Linie C_1-C_5 und insbesondere ^1Bu , oder Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C_3-C_7 , oder Bzl, oder eine andere esterbildende Gruppe ist; oder $-\text{NH}_2$ als solches oder in geschützter Amidform als $-\text{NHR}^5$ oder $-\text{N}(\text{R}^5)_2$ (worin R^5 eine N-Schutzgruppe oder eine andere Substituentengruppe, z.B. Niedrigalkyl, wie für R^4 ist und $(\text{R}^5)_2 =$ zwei solche, oder z.B. Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C_3-C_7 darstellt) oder als $-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{Q}$ oder

20 $-\text{NR}^5-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{Q}$ (worin n für 2 bis 6 und Q für NH_2 oder

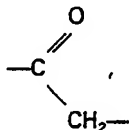


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stehen und worin jeder der an Stickstoff gebundenen Wasserstoffe durch R^5 oder $(\text{R}^5)_2$ substituiert sein kann); ein L- oder D- Serin oder Lysin, Arginin oder einen anderen basischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder in Amidform, substituierter Amidform oder Esterform, z.B. eine Gruppe oder Gruppen enthaltend, wie

30 für R^4 und R^5 oben fallweise angegeben; oder einen davon abgeleiteten Aminoalkoholrest als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, z.B. eine Gruppe enthaltend, wie für R^4 oben angegeben; steht oder Z + W für einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von L- oder D- Tyr, Phe, His oder einem anderen L- oder D-aromatischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform wie oben, stehen;

35 welches Polypeptid in obiger Form oder modifiziert durch isosteren Austausch einer oder mehrerer verbleibender Peptidbindungen durch reduzierte, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-$, Keto-,

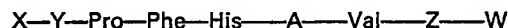


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Hydroxy-, $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}_2-$ oder Kohlenwasserstoff-, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ isostere Bindeglieder vorliegt und

45 weiters in freier Form oder in geschützter Form an einer oder mehreren verbleibenden Peptid-, Carboxyl-, Amino-, Hydroxy- oder anderen reaktiven Gruppen vorliegt.

2. Polypeptidanalogen nach Anspruch 1 mit der Formel



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worin

X, Y, Pro, und His wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind,

55 A wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, ausgenommen, daß R^1 und R^2 gleich oder verschieden sind und ^1Bu (Isobutyl) oder Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette darstellen, R^3 für $-\text{H}$ oder $-\text{SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht;

Z für Tyr, Phe oder einen anderen L- oder D- aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht;

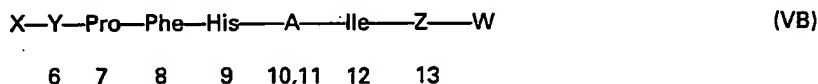
60 W für $-\text{OH}$ als solches oder in geschützter Esterform als $-\text{OR}^4$, worin R^4 Niedrigalkyl (in erster Linie C_1-C_5 und insbesondere ^1Bu) oder Bzl, oder eine andere esterbildende Gruppe darstellt; oder für $-\text{NH}_2$ als solches oder in geschützter Amidform als $-\text{NHR}^5$ oder $-\text{N}(\text{R}^5)_2$ (R^5 ist eine N-Schutzgruppe, z.B. Niedrigalkyl wie für R^4 ; $(\text{R}^5)_2$ bedeutet zwei solche oder z.B. Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C_3-C_7) oder für einen L- oder D- Aminoacylrest, z.B. einen Serin- oder basischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder in Amidform oder in geschützter Amidform oder Esterform, z.B. eine Gruppe oder Gruppen enthaltend, wie sie für R^4

65 und R^5 oben fallweise angegeben sind; oder für einen davon abgeleiteten Aminosäurealkoholrest als

solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, z.B. eine Gruppe enthaltend, wie für R⁴ oben angegeben, steht oder

Z + W einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von Tyr oder Phe oder einen anderen L- oder D- aromatischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform wie oben, darstellen.

5 3. Polypeptidanalogen nach Anspruch 1 mit der Formel



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worin

X, Y, Pro, Phe und His wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind;

A wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, ausgenommen, daß R¹ für 'Bu (Isobutyl) oder Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette steht; R² für 'Pr (Isopropyl) steht; und R³ für —H oder —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht;

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Z wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist;

W wie in Anspruch 2 definiert ist; oder

Z + W für einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von den in Anspruch 1 für Z spezifisch angeführten aromatischen Resten als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, wie hierin spezifiziert, stehen.

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4. Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, modifiziert durch isosteren Austausch, wie hierin dargelegt, an einem oder beiden Pro-Phe oder Phe-His Bindeglieder.

5. Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin der isostere Austausch an mindestens der Position 10,11 der "reduzierten" Art entspricht.

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6. Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin der isostere Austausch an mindestens der Position 10, 11 der "Hydroxy" Art entspricht.

7. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

8. Die Verbindung H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

9. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes (SO₂Ph)-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

10. Die Verbindung H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

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11. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Val-Ile-His-OH.

12. Die Verbindung H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.

13. Die Verbindung H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.

14. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.

15. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH.

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16. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Val-Ile-Tyr-OH.

17. Die Verbindung H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-Lys-OH.

18. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Val-Val-Tyr-OH.

19. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

20. Die Verbindung H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

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21. Die Verbindung H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

22. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Val-Ile-His-OH.

23. Die Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Keto-Val-Ile-His-OH.

24. Polypeptidanalogen gemäß jeweils einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 23 zur Verwendung bei einem diagnostischen Test für Hoch-Renin-Zustände, da der Blutdruck am stärksten abfällt, wenn der Reninspiegel hoch ist, oder bei einem chirurgischen Prognosetest für reno-vaskuläre Hypertonie (Stenose der Nierenarterie) durch Verabreichung dieses Polypeptidanalogen, gefolgt von Überwachung des Blutdrucks.

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25. Polypeptidanalogen gemäß jeweils einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 23 zur Verwendung in der Lang- und Kurzzeitbehandlung von Herzversagen und allen Hypertoniearten, insbesondere jenen, die in Zusammenhang mit hohen Renin-Serumspiegeln stehen, durch Verabreichung einer reninhemmenden Menge dieses Polypeptidanalogen.

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26. Polypeptidanalogen gemäß jeweils einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 23 zur Verwendung als Medikament, dessen tägliche Dosierung 0,001 bis 10 mg/kg Körpergewicht, vorzugsweise 0,01 bis 1,0 mg, dieses Polypeptidanalogen beträgt.

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27. Polypeptidanalogen gemäß jeweils einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 23 in Form einer Zusammensetzung mit einem pharmazeutisch akzeptablen Verdünnungsmittel oder Träger.

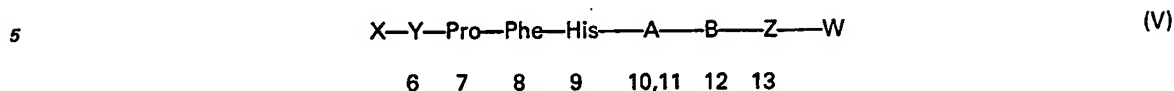
28. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 27 in Einheitsdosierungsform, die die in Anspruch 26 dargelegten Mengen des Analogens oder deren Submultiple enthalten.

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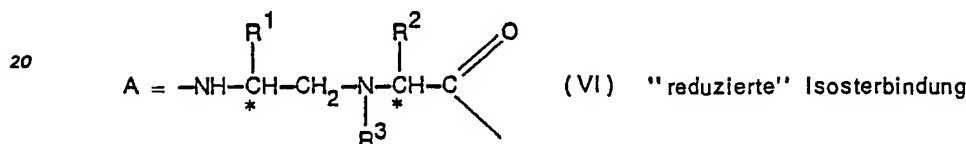
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1. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen mit der Formel:

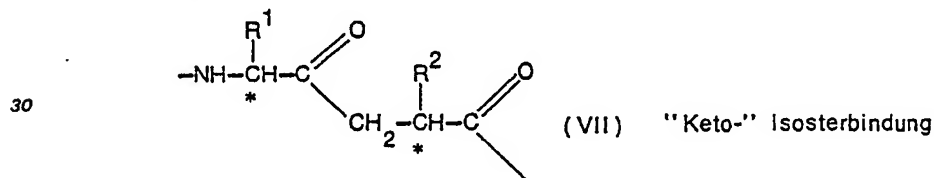


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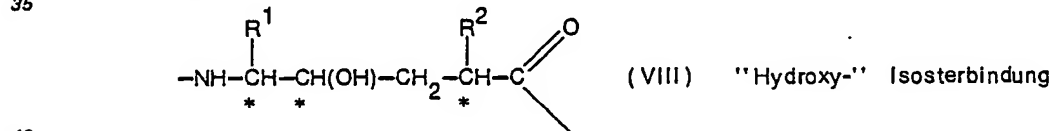
- 10 Pro, Phe und His in substituierter Form vorhanden sein können;
 X gleich H ist; oder ein Acyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe, wie Acetyl, Pivaloyl, *t*-Butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), Benzoyl oder Niedrigalkyl (insbesondere C₁—C₅); oder ein L- oder D-Aminoacylrest, welcher selbst ähnlich N-geschützt sein kann, ist.
 Y für D- oder L-His oder einen anderen D- oder L- basischen oder aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht,
 15 oder abwesend ist;



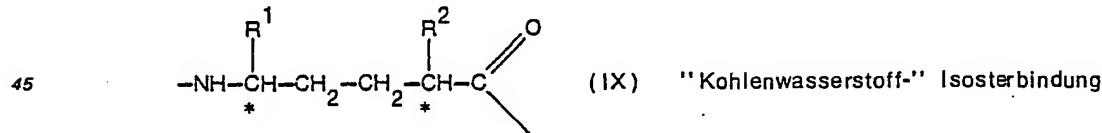
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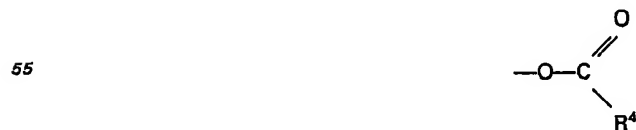
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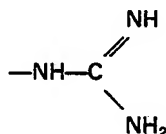
- 50 worin die Konfiguration an asymmetrischen Zentren* entweder R oder S ist, wobei in VIII die Hydroxygruppe als solche oder geschützt in Äther-—OR⁴ oder Ester-



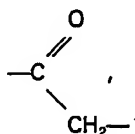
Form,

- 60 worin R⁴ wie unter W unten angegeben ist, anwesend sein kann; und worin
 R¹ und R² gleich oder verschieden sind und ¹Pro (Isopropyl), ¹Bu (Isobutyl), Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette bedeuten;
 R³ für —H; Niedrigalkyl (C₁—C₅); oder —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht.
 65 B für D- oder L- Val oder Ile oder einen anderen D- oder L-lipophilen Aminoacylrest steht;

Z für D- oder L- Tyr, Phe, His oder einen anderen L- oder D-aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht; und
 W für —OH als solches oder in geschützter Esterform als —OR⁴, worin R⁴ Niedrigalkyl, in erster Linie
 C₁—C₅ und insbesondere ^tBu, oder Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C₃—C₇, oder Bzl, oder eine andere
 esterbildende Gruppe ist; oder —NH₂ als solches oder in geschützter Amidform als —NHR⁵ oder —N(R⁵)₂
 5 (worin R⁵ eine N-Schutzgruppe oder eine andere Substituentengruppe, z.B. Niedrigalkyl, wie für R⁴ ist und
 (R⁵)₂ = zwei solche, oder z.B. Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C₃—C₇ darstellt) oder als —NH—(CH₂)_n—Q oder
 —NR⁵—(CH₂)_n—Q (worin n für 2 bis 6 und Q für NH₂ oder

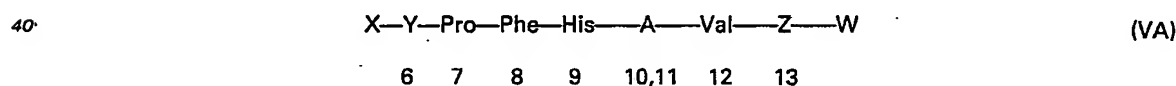


15 stehen und worin jeder der an Stickstoff gebundenen Wasserstoffe durch R⁵ oder (R⁵)₂ substituiert sein
 kann); ein L- oder D- Serin oder Lysin, Arginin oder einen anderen basischen Aminoacylrest als solchen
 oder in Amidform, substituierter Amidform oder Esterform, z.B. eine Gruppe oder Gruppen enthaltend, wie
 für R⁴ und R⁵ oben fallweise angegeben; oder einen davon abgeleiteten Aminoalkoholrest als solchen oder
 20 geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, z.B. eine Gruppe enthaltend, wie für R⁴ oben angegeben; steht oder
 Z + W für einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von L- oder D- Tyr, Phe, His oder einem anderen L- oder D-
 aromatischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform wie oben, stehen;
 welches Polypeptid in obiger Form oder modifiziert durch isosteren Austausch einer oder mehrerer
 verbleibender Peptidbindungen durch reduzierte, —CH₂—NH—, Keto-,
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30 Hydroxy-, —CH(OH)—CH₂— oder Kohlenwasserstoff-, —CH₂—CH₂— isostere Bindeglieder vorliegt und
 weiters in freier Form oder in geschützter Form an einer oder mehreren verbleibenden Peptid-, Carboxyl-,
 35 Amino-, Hydroxy- oder anderen reaktiven Gruppen vorliegt, welches Verfahren dadurch gekennzeichnet
 ist, daß die entsprechenden individuellen Peptidbaugruppen nacheinander einzeln oder als
 präsynthetisierte Einheiten von zwei oder mehreren Gruppen zur Reaktion gebracht werden.

2. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen nach Anspruch 1 mit der Formel



worin

45 X, Y, Pro, und His wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind,
 A wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, ausgenommen, daß R¹ und R² gleich oder verschieden sind und ^tBu
 (Isobutyl) oder Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette darstellen,
 R³ für —H oder —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht;

Z für Tyr, Phe oder einen anderen L- oder D- aromatischen Aminoacylrest steht;

50 W für —OH als solches oder in geschützter Esterform als —OR⁴, worin R⁴ Niedrigalkyl (in erster Linie
 C₁—C₅ und insbesondere ^tBu) oder Bzl, oder eine andere esterbildende Gruppe darstellt; oder für —NH₂ als
 solches oder in geschützter Amidform als —NHR⁵ oder —N(R⁵)₂ (R⁵ ist eine N-Schutzgruppe, z.B.
 Niedrigalkyl wie für R⁴; (R⁵)₂ bedeutet zwei solche oder z.B. Cycloalkyl, in erster Linie C₃—C₇) oder für einen
 L- oder D- Aminoacylrest, z.B. einen Serin- oder basischen Aminoacylrest als solchen oder in Amidform
 55 oder in geschützter Amidform oder Esterform, z.B. eine Gruppe oder Gruppen enthaltend, wie sie für R⁴
 und R⁵ oben fallweise angegeben sind; oder für einen davon abgeleiteten Aminosäurealkoholrest als
 solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, z.B. eine Gruppe enthaltend, wie für R⁴ oben angegeben,
 steht oder

60 Z + W einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von Tyr oder Phe oder einen anderen L- oder D- aromatischen
 Aminoacylrest als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform wie oben, darstellen; welches Verfahren
 dadurch gekennzeichnet ist, daß die entsprechenden individuellen Peptidbaugruppen nacheinander
 einzeln oder als präsynthetisierte Einheiten von zwei oder mehreren Gruppen zur Reaktion gebracht
 werden.

3. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen nach Anspruch 1 mit der Formel

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5 worin

X, Y, Pro, Phe und His wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind;

A wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, ausgenommen, daß R¹ für ^tBu (Isobutyl) oder Bzl (Benzyl) oder eine andere lipophile oder aromatische Aminosäureseitenkette steht; R² für ⁱPr (Isopropyl) steht; und R³ für —H oder —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, Formyl oder eine andere N-Schutzgruppe steht;

10 Z wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist;

W wie in Anspruch 2 definiert ist; oder

Z + W für einen Alkohol, abgeleitet von den in Anspruch 1 für Z spezifisch angeführten aromatischen Resten als solchen oder geschützt in Ester- oder Ätherform, wie hierin spezifiziert, stehen; welches Verfahren dadurch gekennzeichnet ist, daß die entsprechenden individuellen Peptidbaugruppen nacheinander ein zeln oder als präsynthetisierte Einheiten von zwei oder mehreren Gruppen zur Reaktion gebracht werden.

15 4. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, gekennzeichnet durch isosteren Austausch, wie hierin dargelegt, an einem oder beiden der Pro-Phe oder Phe-His Bindeglieder.

20 5. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der isostere Austausch an mindestens der Position 10,11 der "reduzierten" Art entspricht.

6. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Polypeptidanalogen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der isostere Austausch an mindestens der Position 10,11 der "Hydroxy" Art entspricht.

25 7. Verfahren zur Herstellung der Verbindung H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-Leu-reduziertes(SO₂Ph)-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

30 H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Val-Ile-His-OH oder

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH oder

35 H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-reduziertes-Phe-Val-Tyr-Lys-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-reduziertes-Val-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

40 H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Hydroxy-Val-Ile-His-OH oder

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Keto-Val-Ile-His-OH,

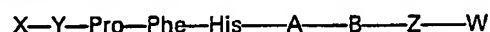
welches Verfahren dadurch gekennzeichnet ist, daß die entsprechenden individuellen Peptidbaugruppen nacheinander einzeln oder als präsynthetisierte Einheiten von zwei oder mehreren Gruppen zur Reaktion

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Revendications pour les Etats contractants: BE CH DE FR GB IT LI LU NL SE

1. Homologue de polypeptide de formule:

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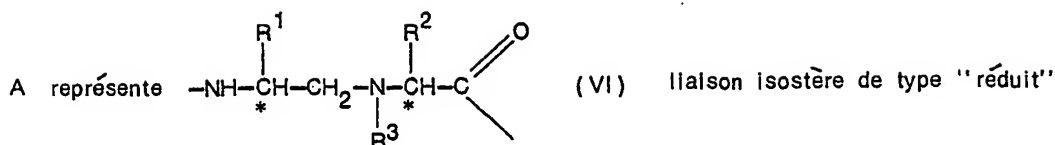
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Pro, Phe et His peuvent être sous forme substituée;

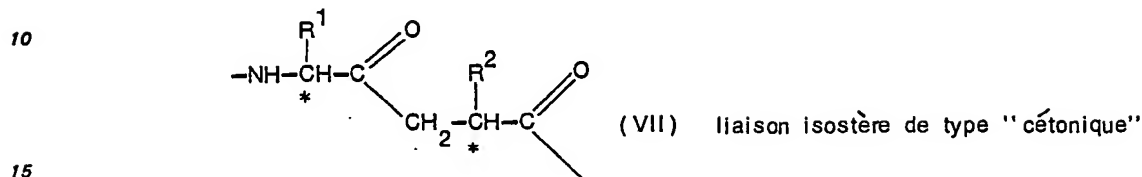
X représente H ou un groupe acyle ou autre groupe de protection de l'azote, par exemple un groupe acétyle, pivaloyle, t-butyloxycarbonyle (Boc), benzoyle ou alkyle inférieur (principalement C₁—C₅), ou un reste L- ou D- aminoacyle, qui peut lui-même être protégé de la même façon sur l'azote;

60 Y représente D- ou L-His ou un autre reste D- ou L-aminoacyle basique ou aromatique, ou est absent;

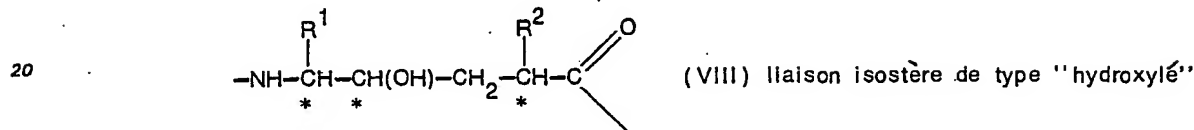
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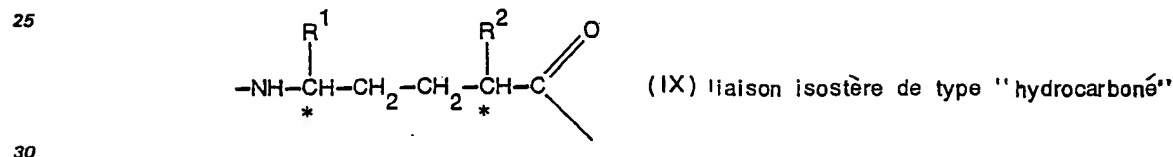
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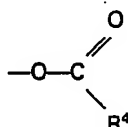


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où la configuration des centres assymétriques est R ou S, où en VIII le groupe hydroxyle peut être présent tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'éther —OR^4 ou d'ester

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dans lequel R^4 est comme indiqué sous W ci-après, et où R^1 et R^2 identiques ou différents, représentent ^1Pro (groupe isopropyle), ^1Bu (groupe isobutyle), Bzl (groupe benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale amino-acide lipophile ou aromatique,

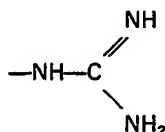
45 R^3 représente —H ; un groupe alkyle inférieur (en C_1 à C_6); ou $\text{—SO}_2\text{Ph}$, $\text{—SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{p})$, Boc, un groupe formyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote;

B représente D- ou L- Val ou Ile ou un autre reste D- ou L- amino-acyle lipophile;

Z représente un groupe D- ou L- Tyr, Phe, His ou un autre reste L- ou D- amino-acyle aromatique; et

W représente —OH tel que ou protégé sous forme d'ester —OR^4 , où R^4 est un groupe alkyle inférieur, principalement en C_1 à C_6 et en particulier ^1Bu , ou un groupe cycloalkyle principalement en $\text{C}_3\text{—C}_7$ ou Bzl, ou un autre groupe formant un ester; ou représente —NH_2 tel quel ou en donnant une forme amide protégée représente NHR^5 ou $\text{—N(R}^5)_2$ (où R^5 est un groupe de protection de l'azote ou un autre substituant, par exemple un groupe alkyle inférieur comme pour R^4 , et $(\text{R}^5)_2$ représente deux groupes de ce genre ou, par exemple, un groupe cycloalkyle, principalement en $\text{C}_3\text{—C}_7$) ou encore $\text{—NH—(CH}_2)_n\text{—Q}$ ou $\text{—NR}^5\text{—(CH}_2)_n\text{—Q}$ (où n est 2 à 6 et Q représente NH_2 ou

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avec n'importe lequel des atomes d'hydrogène fixés sur l'azote pouvant être substitué par R^5 ou $(\text{R}^5)_2$; X représente un reste L- ou D-sérine ou lysine, arginine ou un autre reste amino-acyle basique tel quel ou sous forme d'amide, d'amide substitué ou d'ester, contenant par exemple un ou des groupes tels qu'indiqués pour R^4 et R^5 ci-dessus selon le cas; ou représente un reste amino alcool qui en dérive, tel quel

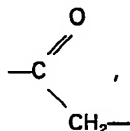
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ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther, contenant par exemple un groupe tel qu'indiqué pour R⁴ ci-dessus, ou

Z + W représentent un alcool dérivé de L- ou D-Tyr, Phe, His ou d'un autre reste L- ou D-aminoacyle aromatique tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther comme ci-dessus;

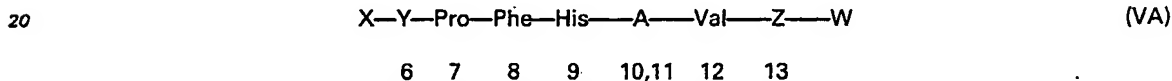
- 5 un tel polypeptide étant sous la forme ci-dessus ou étant modifié par remplacement isostérique d'une ou plusieurs des liaisons peptidiques restantes par les liaisons isostériques qui sont la liaison réduite, —CH₂—NH—, cétonique,

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- 15 hydroxyle, —CH(OH)—CH₂—, ou hydrocarbonée, —CH₂—CH₂—, et étant de plus sous forme libre ou sous forme protégée sur un ou plusieurs des groupes restants peptides, carboxyles, amines, hydroxyles ou autres groupes réactifs.

2. Homologue de polypeptide selon la revendication 1, de la formule:



dans laquelle:

- 25 X, Y, Pro, Phe et His sont comme à la revendication 1

A est comme à la revendication 1, sauf que:

R¹ et R², identiques ou différents, représentent ¹Bu (groupe isobutyle) ou Bzl (groupe benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale amino-acide lipophile ou aromatique,

- 30 R³ représente —H; ou —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, un groupe formyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote;

Z représente Tyr, Phe, ou un autre reste L- ou D- amino-acyle aromatique;

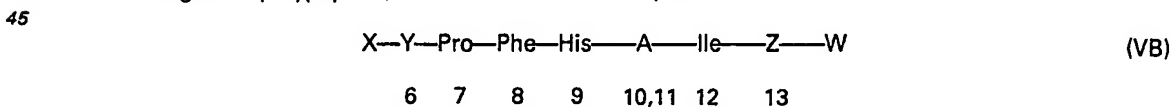
W représente —OH tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester —OR⁴, où R⁴ est un groupe alkyle inférieur, (principalement en C₁—C₅ et en particulier ¹Bu), ou Bzl, ou un autre groupe donnant un ester; ou représente

- 35 —NH₂ tel quel ou en donnant une forme amide protégée représente —NHR⁵ ou —N(R⁵)₂ (R⁵ représente un groupe de protection de l'azote, par exemple un groupe alkyle inférieur comme pour R⁴; (R⁵)₂ représente deux groupes de ce genre ou, par exemple, un groupe cycloalkyle, principalement en C₃—C₇) ou représente un reste L- ou D- amino-acyle, par exemple un reste sérine ou amino-acyle basique tel quel ou sous forme amide ou sous forme amide protégé ou ester, contenant par exemple un ou des groupes tels qu'indiqués pour R⁴ et R⁵ ci-dessus selon le cas; ou représente un reste alcoolique, dérivé des amino-acides précédents,

- 40 tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther contenant par exemple un groupe tel qu'indiqué pour R⁴ ci-dessus, ou bien

Z + W représentent un alcool provenant de Tyr ou Phe ou d'un autre reste L- ou D- amino-acyle aromatique tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther comme ci-dessus.

3. Analogue de polypeptide, selon la revendication 1, de formule:



50 dans laquelle:

X, Y, Pro, Phe et His sont comme à la revendication 1,

A est comme à la revendication 1, sauf que:

R¹ représente ¹Bu (isobutyle) ou Bzl (benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale amino-acide lipophile ou aromatique,

- 55 R² représente ¹Pr (isopropyle), et

R³ représente —H, ou —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc un groupe formyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote,

Z est comme à la revendication 1,

W est comme à la revendication 2, ou

- 60 Z + W représentent un alcool dérivé des restes aromatiques spécifiés pour Z à la revendication 1, tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther, comme spécifié à la revendication 1.

4. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, modifié par remplacement isostérique, comme indiqué dans celles-ci, pour une des liaisons Pro-Phe ou Phe-His ou pour les deux.

- 65 5. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel il y a

remplacement isostérique au moins à la position 10, 11, du type "réduit".

6. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel il y a un remplacement isostérique au moins à la position 10, 11 du type "hydroxylé".

7. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Leu-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

8. Le composé: H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Leu-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

9. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu- (SO₂Ph)-réduit -Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

10. Le composé: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Leu-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

11. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Val-réduit -Ile-His-OH.

12. Le composé: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-Phe-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

13. Le composé: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Phe-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

14. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-Phe-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

15. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Phe-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

16. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Val-réduit -Ile-Tyr-OH.

17. Le composé: H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-Phe-réduit -Val-Tyr-Lys-OH.

18. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-Val-réduit -Val-Tyr-OH.

19. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

20. Le composé: H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

21. Le composé: H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH.

22. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Val-Ile-His-OH.

23. Le composé: H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-cétonique-Val-Ile-His-OH.

24. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 23, pour le diagnostic des taux élevés de rénine, la pression sanguine tombant beaucoup quand le taux de rénine est élevé, ou pour un pronostic chirurgical de l'hypertension réno-vasculaire (sténose de l'artère rénale) par administration dudit homologue de polypeptide suivie d'une surveillance de la pression sanguine.

25. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 23, destiné à servir au traitement à long terme et à court terme des défaillances cardiaques et de toutes les formes d'hypertension, en particulier celles associées à des taux élevés de rénine dans le sang, par administration d'une quantité suffisante pour inhiber la rénine, dudit homologue de polypeptide.

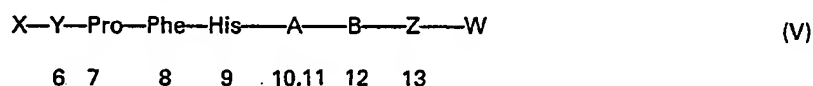
26. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 23, en tant que médicament à une posologie de 0,001 à 10 mg/kg de poids corporel par jour, de préférence de 0,01 à 1,0 mg.

27. Homologue de polypeptide selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 23, sous forme d'une composition avec un diluant, ou un véhicule pharmaceutiquement acceptable.

28. Composition selon la revendication 27, sous forme de dose unitaire contenant les quantités de l'homologue indiquées à la revendication 26, ou un de leurs sous-multiples.

Revendications pour l'Etat contractant: AT

1. Procédé de préparation d'homologues de polypeptides de formule:

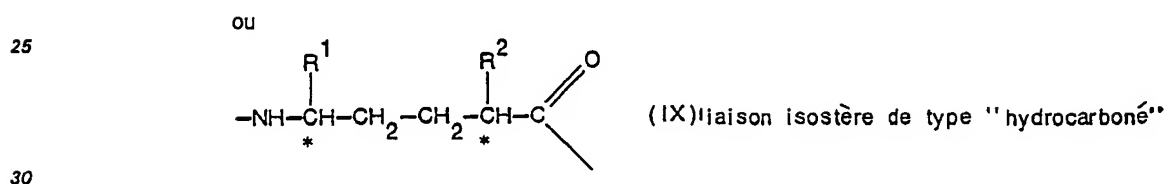
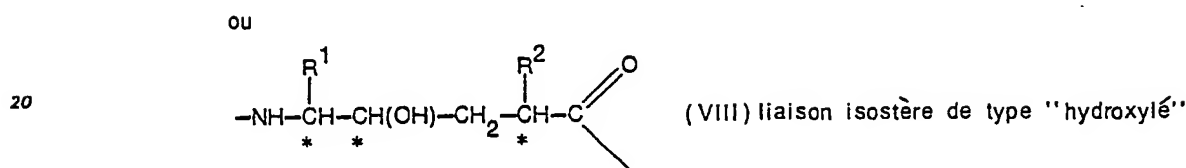
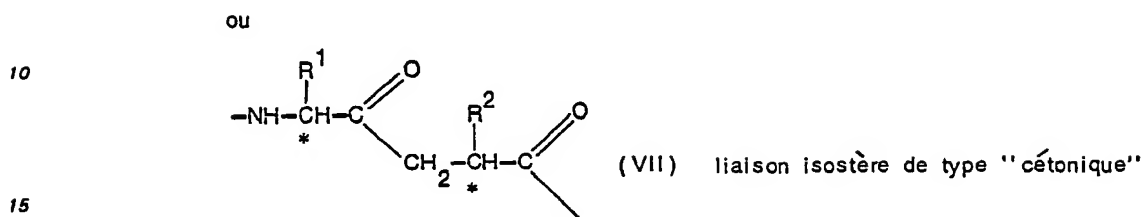
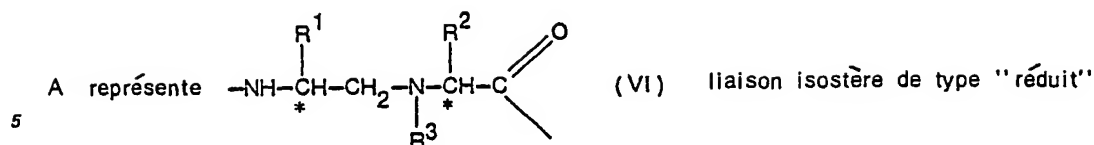


où:

Pro, Phe et His peuvent être sous forme substituée;

X représente H ou un groupe acyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote, par exemple acétyle, pivaloyle, *t*-butyloxycarbonyle (Boc), benzoyle ou alkyle inférieur (principalement C₁—C₅), ou un reste L- ou D- amino acyle, qui peut lui-même être protégé de la même façon sur l'azote;

Y représente D- ou L-His ou un autre reste D- ou L-aminoacyle basique ou aromatique, ou est absent;



25 de telle sorte que la configuration des centres asymétriques soit R ou S, et où dans VIII le groupe hydroxyle peut être présent tel que ou protégé sous forme d'éther —OR⁴ ou d'ester



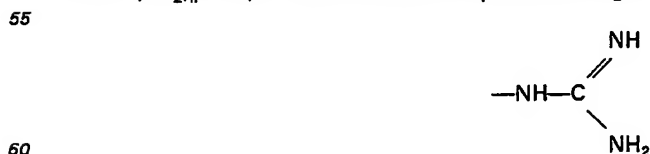
35 tel que R⁴ soit comme indiqué en W ci-dessous, et où R¹ et R² identiques ou différents, représentent ¹Pro (isopropyle), ¹Bu (isobutyle), Bzl (benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale aminoacide lipophile ou aromatique, R³ représente —H; un groupe alkyle inférieur (C₁—C₆); ou —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, formyle ou

40 un autre groupe de protection de l'azote;

B représente D- ou L- Val ou Ile ou un autre reste D- ou L- aminoacyle lipophile;

Z représente D- ou L- Tyr, Phe, His ou un autre reste L- ou D- aminoacyle aromatique; et

45 W représente —OH tel que ou protégé sous forme d'ester —OR⁴, où R⁴ est un groupe alkyle inférieur, principalement en C₁ à C₆ et en particulier ¹Bu, ou un groupe cycloalkyle, principalement en C₃ à C₇, ou Bzl, ou un autre groupe formant un ester; ou représente —NH₂ tel que ou en donnant une forme amide protégée représente —NHR⁵ ou —N(R⁵)₂ (où R⁵ est un groupe de protection de l'azote ou un autre substituant par exemple un groupe alkyle inférieur comme pour R⁴ et (R⁵)₂ représente deux groupes de ce genre ou, par exemple, un groupe cycloalkyle, principalement en C₃ à C₇) ou encore —NH—(CH₂)_n—Q ou —NR⁵—(CH₂)_n—Q (où n est 2 à 6 et Q représente NH₂ ou

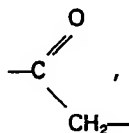


55 avec n'importe lequel des atomes d'hydrogène fixés sur l'azote pouvant être substitué par R⁵ ou (R⁵)₂; ou représente un reste L- ou D- sérine ou lysine, arginine ou un autre reste aminoacyle basique tel quel ou sous forme d'amide, d'amide substitué ou d'ester, contenant par exemple un ou des groupes tel qu'indiqué

60 pour R⁴ et R⁵ ci-dessus selon le cas; ou représente un reste aminoalcool qui en dérive tel quel ou protégé

sous forme d'ester ou d'éther, contenant par exemple un groupe tel qu'indiqué pour R⁴ ci-dessus, ou

Z + W représentent un alcool dérivé de L- ou D-Tyr, Phe, His ou d'un autre reste L- ou D-aminoacyle aromatique tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther comme ci-dessus; un tel polypeptide étant sous la forme ci-dessus ou étant modifié par remplacement isostérique d'une ou de plusieurs des liaisons peptidiques restantes par les liaisons isostères qui sont la liaison réduite, —CH₂—NH—, cétonique,

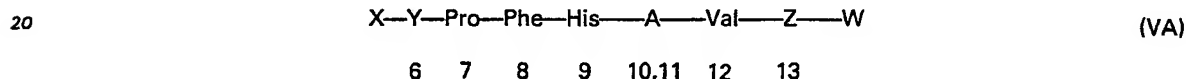


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hydroxyle, —CH(OH)—CH₂—, ou hydrocarbonée, —CH₂—CH₂—, et étant de plus sous forme libre ou sous forme protégée sur un ou plusieurs des groupes restants peptide, carboxyle, amino, hydroxyle ou autres groupes réactifs, ledit procédé étant caractérisé en ce que les groupes individuels correspondants constitutifs du peptide sont successivement mis à réagir seuls ou sous forme d'unités pré-obtenues avec deux ou plusieurs groupes.

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2. Procédé de préparation d'homologue de polypeptides, selon la revendication 1, de formule:



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dans laquelle:

25 X, Y, Pro, Phe et His sont tels que décrits dans la revendication 1, A est tel qu'à la revendication 1, sauf que:

R¹ et R², identiques ou différents, représentent ¹Bu (isobutyle) ou Bzl (benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale aminoacide lipophile ou aromatique,

30 R³ représente —H; ou —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, formyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote;

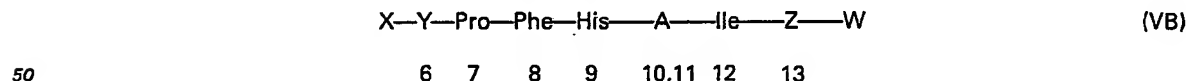
Z représente Tyr, Phe, ou un autre reste L- ou D- aminoacyle aromatique;

W représente —OH tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester —OR⁴, où R⁴ est un groupe alkyle inférieur (principalement en C₁—C₅ et en particulier ¹Bu), ou Bzl, ou un autre groupe donnant un ester; ou représente —NH₂ tel quel ou en donnant une forme amide protégée représente —NHR⁵ ou —N(R⁵)₂ (R⁵ représente un groupe de protection de l'azote, comme par exemple un alkyle inférieur comme R⁴; (R⁵)₂ représente deux groupes de ce genre ou par exemple un groupe cycloalkyle, principalement en C₃—C₇) ou représente un reste L- ou D- aminoacyle, par exemple un reste sérine ou aminoacyle basique tel quel ou sous forme amide ou sous forme amide protégé ou ester, contenant par exemple un groupe ou des groupes tels qu'indiqués pour R⁴, R⁵ ci-dessus selon le cas; ou représente un reste alcoolique dérivé des aminoacides précédents, tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther contenant par exemple un groupe tel qu'indiqué pour R⁴ ci-dessus, ou bien

40 Z + W représentent un alcool provenant de Tyr ou Phe ou d'un autre reste L- ou D- aminoacyle aromatique tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther comme ci-dessus, ledit procédé étant caractérisé en ce que les groupes individuels correspondants constitutifs du peptide sont mis successivement à réagir un par un ou sous forme d'unités pré-obtenues de deux ou plusieurs groupes.

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3. Procédé de préparation d'homologues de polypeptides selon la revendication 1, de formule:



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où X, Y, Pro, Phe et His sont tels qu'indiqués dans la revendication 1

A est tel qu'indiqué à la revendication 1 sauf que

55 R¹ représente ¹Bu (isobutyle) ou Bzl (benzyle) ou une autre chaîne latérale aminoacide lipophile ou aromatique,

R² représente ¹Pr (isopropyle), et

R³ représente —H, ou —SO₂Ph, —SO₂C₆H₄CH₃(p), Boc, formyle ou un autre groupe de protection de l'azote

Z est tel qu'indiqué à la revendication 1

60 W est tel qu'indiqué à la revendication 2 ou

Z + W représentent un alcool dérivé des restes aromatiques spécifiés pour Z à la revendication 1, tel quel ou protégé sous forme d'ester ou d'éther, comme spécifié à la revendication 1, ledit procédé étant caractérisé en ce que les groupes individuels correspondants constitutifs du peptide sont successivement mis à réagir seuls ou sous forme d'unités préobtenues de deux ou plusieurs groupes.

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4. Procédé de préparation d'homologues de polypeptides selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1

à 3, caractérisé en ce qu'on effectue un remplacement isostérique comme indiqué dans celles-ci, à l'une des liaisons Pro-Phe ou Phe-His ou aux deux.

5 5. Procédé de préparation d'homologues de polypeptides selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, caractérisé en ce qu'on effectue un remplacement isostérique au moins à la position 10, 11 et de type "réduit".

6. Procédé de préparation d'homologues de polypeptides selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, caractérisé en ce qu'on effectue un remplacement isostérique au moins à la position 10, 11 et du type "hydroxylé".

7. Procédé de préparation du composé: H-His-Pro-His-Leu-réduit-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

10 H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit (SO₂Ph)-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Val-Ile-His-OH ou

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-réduite-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH ou

15 H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-réduit-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Phe-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Val-Ile-Tyr-OH ou

H-Pro-His-Pro-Phe-His-Phe-réduit-Phe-Val-Tyr-Lys-OH ou

20 H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-réduit-Val-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-DHis-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Leu-Val-Tyr-OH ou

H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-hydroxylé-Val-Ile-His-OH ou

25 H-His-Pro-Phe-His-Leu-cétonique-Val-Ile-His-OH

ledit procédé étant caractérisé en ce que les groupes individuels correspondants constitutifs du peptide sont mis successivement à réagir seuls ou sous forme d'unités pré-obtenues de deux ou plusieurs groupes.

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